

Committee and nominations for 2019-2020

Under the current SCF constitution (June 2019 revision), the Management Committee comprises:
4 officers, elected for a term of up to 3 years (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary)-
up to 6 ordinary members, elected for a 1 year term.
All committee members may stand for re-election at the end of their term.

Southampton Common Forum was officially inaugurated at an open public meeting on 14/01/2017. A constitution was formally adopted and an initial Management Committee was elected; officers for a 3 year term, and “ordinary members” for a 1 year term.

Our first AGM and public meeting were held on 24/04/2018.

Our second AGM and public meeting were convened for 26/02/2019 but not enough registered members attended to make the AGM quorate and therefore no formal Forum business could be settled. The constitution was revised by an email poll of registered members and the attendance needed to achieve a quorum was redefined.

We have rescheduled our 2019 AGM for Tuesday 26/11/2019. Because this date is so close to the 3 year anniversary of our official inauguration, it makes sense to hold both ordinary member and officer elections at this meeting, rather than having to hold another AGM less than 2 months later. All committee positions are therefore up for election at this meeting.

Some members of the current Management Committee will be standing down at this AGM and so we will have some vacancies on The Committee. We welcome anyone who has an interest in standing for the Committee and the time to commit to undertaking committee business to contact us (secretary@southamptoncommonforum.org). We especially welcome people with business, marketing and communications skills to help build our overall skill set.
At the time of writing,

Any registered member of the Forum can stand for election onto the Management Committee. As of 23rd November 2019, nominations have been received as below. Nominations for places as ordinary members of the Management Committee can be made up to and including the AGM itself, although advance notice is appreciated. Please email secretary@southamptoncommonforum.org if you wish to stand for election for 2019-2020.

CHAIR SCF Management Committee (vacant)

VICE CHAIR SCF Management Committee (vacant)

TREASURER SCF Management Committee - Malcolm White (restanding)

Malcolm has been Treasurer of the Southampton Common Forum since its inauguration. A Highfield resident since 2009, Malcolm is a trained accountant with a wealth of financial experience as a financial director for many well-known national and international companies. His regularly seen on the Common at the Southampton parkrun where he is both a Run Director and Ambassador. A keen runner and cyclist, he is also a regular volunteer at Southampton Basics Bank, helping to provide emergency food and clothes provision for those who fall through the gaps in the benefit system and a Magistrate.

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SECRETARY SCF Management Committee - Dave Johnston (restanding)

Dave has served as secretary to the Southampton Common Forum since its inauguration in January 2017 and also looks after its website, facebook page, membership list and member email system. All spelling mistakes in SCF communications are his! He is a biologist by training and works for the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Southampton at Southampton General hospital. As a scientist, he is very keen that any statements, policies and plans relating to The Common have a sound evidence base derived from accurate, up to date published information. He is convenor for the “Landscape and Toilets” working group and co-ordinates the SCF’s volunteer programme.

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Ordinary Member #1 - Kate Martin (restanding)

Kate is a Trustee and the Vice Chair of Southampton Common and Parks Protection Society (SCAPPS), which aims to protect Southampton's Commons and Parks from damage and encroachment by bringing together a cross section of citizens committed to the well-being of our City's green public spaces. Kate has served on the Management committee since its inauguration in January 2017. She brings to the Forum a wealth of experience on the history and legal status of The Common and provides an important link to SCAPPS. She is also involved with The Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery.



Ordinary Member #2 - Tanya Bellows (restanding)

Tanya lived next to Southampton Common for 26 years. Tanya was co-opted onto the Management Committee in 2017 and formally elected at the April 2018 AGM. Passionate about the environment, she is currently enrolled on a BSc (Hons) Environmental Science degree at Bournemouth University. She has served as Chair of SCF's, "Rejuvenation of the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre" Working Group and has drafted sustainability proposals for The Common, from general use to large events. Previously, she established a Gardening Club for 4 - 11yr old children at Highfield After School Club, encouraging children to connect with nature and food, creating nature trails to promote the conservation of creatures and their habitat and guiding various environmental projects. She brings both youth and social media savvy to the Committee, and aims to use her degree to help sustainably manage Southampton Common.



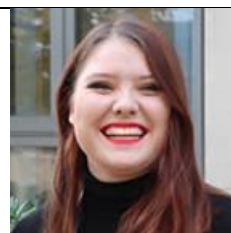
Ordinary Member #3 - Barbara Claridge (co-opted October 2019)

Barbara was a Hampshire Primary Headteacher and outdoor learning with children was always a passion. Her experience also includes short-term voluntary work as a Primary Education Adviser in Ghana and Namibia and with the British Council in Beijing and Pittsburgh on the International Headteacher Programme. She volunteers with HRA as HonSec and with SCF in practical activities (including helping to coordinate volunteers involved with the new Hawthorns mural and for the Hawthorns hot Topic Group.



Ordinary Member #4 - Emily Harrison (co-opted October 2019)

Emily is currently President of the Southampton University Students' Union, with a keen interest in promoting sustainability across the whole University. She believes that Southampton Common is a really valuable resource for local students, for their health and wellbeing, and is keen to promote its potential and to help make it a better place, especially for student commuting by foot or cycle.



Ordinary Member #5 - Ken Burtenshaw

Ken has been an active volunteer for SCF both in front and behind the scenes. He designed our recent re-branding and our volunteering flag and regularly volunteered on the Hawthorns mural painting parties. In his own words *"I was thinking that I could help (I have the time!), by joining the management committee. The Common is something I'm interested in, being keen on nature and wildlife. I have skills that may be of use i.e. graphic design, art working/typography, marketing and advertising. I would also like to volunteer - as I did earlier this year."*

Ordinary Member #6 - (vacant)

Standing down at this AGM: Adam Wheeler (Chair), Roger Brown (Vice Chair), Isabella Camilleri, Emily Dawes, Jenny Marshall (temporary due to family commitments).