

Trustee Nominees March 2023

Treasurer Role

Nominee: Tony Gadd

Proposer: Jo Ives

Secunder: Andy Webb



Tony has had a successful career in the chemical industry around the country, involving sales, plant construction and financial management at a senior level.

When Tony retired in 2009 he and his wife Chrissy returned to Southport where he has been active in voluntary work: managing accounts at the Spinal Unit Action Group (SUAG) and acting as Secretary to the S&B Sports Club.

In April 22 Tony was co-opted as Trustee Treasurer to the Birkdale Community Hub and Library and stands for election as Treasurer for a further three years.

General Roles

Nominee: Cath French

Proposer: Kim Wallis

Secunder: Phil Margham



Cath lives in Birkdale with her husband and young daughter. She started her career as a professional fundraiser and then moved into corporate social responsibility, working within businesses to support the local community. While still consulting in the world of corporate social responsibility, her primary job is currently grant making, giving her a good insight into available funds, fundraising applications and what grant makers look for.

Cath has volunteered for BCHL since 2016 and has been involved in organising fundraising events, writing bids to get the funding to renovate the stationmaster's house, and is an active member of the communications committee, looking after BCHL's social media. Cath is a keen yogi, swimmer, reader and traveller.

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Andy's career-long experience in IT within the banking industry was put to good use when he started looking after the website for BCHL in 2017 after retiring. This role expanded into becoming a Trustee and being responsible for all IT affairs for the charity in 2019. Andy has overseen the purchasing and management of the computers in our two buildings as well as network equipment, website and software.

Andy lives in Birkdale not far from the SMH. He and his wife Jacq love travelling abroad and in the UK, and Andy can be seen from time to time playing in a small band in the bars of Birkdale and Hillside.

Nominee: Phil Margham

Proposer: Wendy Hewitt

Secunder: Kim Wallis



Phil has lived in Birkdale since 1979 with his wife Mandy. After retiring in 2009 from a career in higher education, Phil volunteered at the Southport Foodbank and pottered at woodwork in his workshop.

Then in 2017 he agreed to project manage the complete refurbishment of the Station Master's House to make it into a welcoming public building. He became a Trustee in 2018 and was asked to chair the Trustee Board in 2020 when the SMH finally opened to the public. He brings to the role of Trustee his experience in developing teams, project management, and fostering innovation.