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**The Board of Trustees wishes to nominate the following for re-election to the Board:**

**Geoff Hearnden**

The Devon Wildlife Trust has been an important part of my life since I became a member in 1969 (when it was called The Devon Trust for Nature Conservation). My first work for the Trust was volunteering at our Dunsford nature reserve. This began my commitment to the Trust, what it stands for and has achieved. I have contributed in many ways to the Trust's development, first as member of the then Council from 1975 and subsequently as a member of its Executive Committee for many years. Now as a Trustee I still enjoy being a part the Board's collective responsibility for its staff and for its future.

The skills and experience I bring to the Board are a lifetime making a living from farming and at the same time putting conservation into practise on our own land, all this happening alongside my voluntary work both for the Trust at local level and also for many years with the Wildlife Trusts nationally. Whilst looking forward is important so is learning from the successes and failures of the past. For instance I believe much more effort is needed to persuade more farmers and land owners that managing land for wildlife can be very rewarding (the reward partly being what Ian Mercer described as a "warm glow") and need not reduce profitability. I hope that the continuity and experience which I offer will help the Trust to flourish in the future.

**Mike Moser**

Devon Wildlife Trust is THE organisation to support if you want to safeguard Devon's environment. Its conservation, advocacy and education programmes - and reserves - are unparalleled. In addition to being a member and supporting the Trust, continuing as a trustee is the most important way I can offer my time and skills to make a difference.

I completed my PhD on wetland conservation in the Camargue (France) in the 1980s, and have worked in conservation all my life - as Director of an international NGO, and on the governing and advisory bodies of international, national and local NGOs and government agencies – including the North Devon Biosphere and the DWT-led Nature Improvement Area. Today, I continue to work professionally with landscape-scale conservation projects in Iran, China and Mongolia, as well as voluntarily with local groups of farmers in the Taw Valley and across north Devon.

For the last 18 years I have managed my own organic farm and woodlands (a County Wildlife Site) near Chulmleigh, where I aim to show that good conservation management goes hand-in-hand with economic good sense! I try to bring all of this experience to the Board of DWT, but find we have an organisation that is "at the top if its game". Despite this, we are still losing the battle to save our environment and wildlife, and in my home area cuckoos, curlew, lapwing and many other iconic species continue to disappear. This is why I would like to continue to serve DWT as a trustee – to help the organisation make an even bigger difference.

**Nigel Rendle**

I have been a member of the Trust since the days of the Devon Trust for Nature Conservation in the 1960's and have seen it grow from a small team of amateur naturalists to the premier dynamic and professional organisation that it is today.

I have also been a Trustee now for 27 years and with a background in Finance am proud to have played a part in the growth of the Trust's influence, becoming the major wildlife conservation body in the County and one of the most respected in the whole country. In that time I have served as well on local groups and area committees raising funds and awareness of the Trust's work.

I am currently the Convenor of the Volunteers Forum and am committed to ensuring that our crucial resource of volunteers is well served and supported. Wildlife is under threat like never before and with funding availability for the environment generally under such pressure, we are ever reliant on voluntary support from within. Like others on the Board, I am still concerned that a lot of our efforts are not stopping the decline in wildlife species and feel passionately that I need to do my utmost to help reverse this trend. My continued involvement as a Trustee is important for me to help fulfil this aim.