
RE AGENDA ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



Rebecca Broad

It is a huge privilege to be a trustee of Devon Wildlife Trust. Although I have nearly completed my two terms of office, the Board has put me forward for re-election for one more year to provide continuity while we welcome new trustees. Alongside usual duties I also enjoy being a Director of our two subsidiary companies. At a national level, I represent Devon at two Communities of Practice run by The Wildlife Trusts (Digital Transformation; and Early Career Trustees) and attended our movement's 2023 Leader's Conference in Lancashire.

Based in Exeter, I'm particularly passionate about urban wildlife conservation, and enabling people from all walks of life to access natural spaces. I came to Devon in 2013 to study a BSc in Biological Sciences which helped me to develop ecological understanding and an evidence-led approach to decision-making. I now run a communications consultancy, working with other excellent charities like Getting On Board. As a previous practical volunteer and staff member, I pride myself on genuinely caring for the humans who make all of DWT's work possible. When I'm not at work or in the boardroom, you'll find me in one of Exeter's Valley Parks or somewhere along the South West Coast Path.

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Abby Allen

It has been a privilege to support the incredible work of Devon Wildlife Trust over the last few months as one of the newest Trustees appointed. I am delighted to be nominated for election. Having been brought up in this wonderful county with such a deep connection to the natural environment, I have a strong drive and desire to protect our landscapes for future generations to enjoy.

As Director of Farming at Pipers Farm, I see the impact land management choices have not just on biodiversity and climate change but to the health of our soils, our air, our water and human health too. My mission is to support farmers in the transition to nature friendly farming and ensure rural communities can thrive. As a trustee my aim is to represent the farming community, as well as ensure that this county leads the way in sustainable practices with conservation at the heart.

Alongside my work at Pipers Farm I am also a Nature Friendly Farming Network Champion. This role enables me to speak to a wide number of organisations along with press and government to ensure that nature friendly farming continues to have a seat at the table. Thank you for your consideration, I hope I can be a valuable tool and support to the excellent work of DWT.

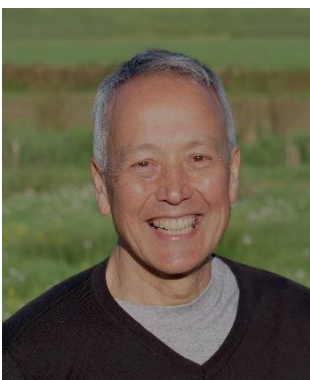


Martha Hall

I am proud to have been nominated for election to Devon Wildlife Trust's Board of Trustees, having been co-opted in April. I have volunteered with and raised money for nature charities throughout my childhood and into early adulthood (including with DWT) and have been a charity donor for the duration of my working life. However, I have never been a charity trustee before, so this feels like a poignant moment in my life and, together with my current job role, the first time that I am truly able to use my knowledge and skills to give back to nature.

I was born and raised in the Netherlands and trained as a geobiologist before moving to Plymouth, where I obtained a PhD in marine vertebrate palaeontology. I then worked in South West Water operations for several years, before returning to the University of Plymouth, where I was a lab manager and research technician in the environmental sciences. I have supported many research projects from a technical, analytical and management perspective, including on soil quality, blue carbon and sustainable fisheries management. I now work for the University's Marine Institute, where I help to champion and deliver on the institute's strategic priorities, supporting academics and research centres across the marine portfolio.

My aim while serving on the Board is to not only support DWT's overall strategy, but also to advance its marine ambitions, employing my scientific knowledge, and operational and management skills.



Koy Thomson

I was delighted to be appointed to the Board in April and am keen to continue as a Trustee of Devon Wildlife Trust. The quality of staff, trustees, and volunteers, and commitment of members is extraordinary – as is the effectiveness of the organisation. I care deeply about protecting and restoring Devon's wildlife and all that it does to enrich our lives. I am a dual Thai-English citizen, and social and environmental activism runs through my family. I am also married into a Dartmoor farming family, which is where I now live.

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I trained as an ecologist, specialising in upland blanket bogs and tropical forests. My career has spanned citizen science; senior Friends of the Earth campaigner; sustainable development policy action at the International Institute for Environment and Development; everything from humanitarian response to food rights as International Director of Policy at ActionAid International; urban sustainability as CEO of the London Cycling Campaign – when I was named as one of the 100 most influential Londoners; supporting education and building schools in war zones, including Afghanistan; and latterly, teaching yoga and assisting in training yoga teachers. I was a special advisor at the UN Development Programme and coordinated the UK NGO input at the 1992 Earth Summit.

I have been a Chair and Trustee of many local, national and international NGOs. I believe that my extensive experience in environment and human rights, and over twenty years in many trustee roles can help DWT to achieve its goals.