

Introducing the Trustees...

The Harpenden Trust Board play an important role in the oversight of the Harpenden Trust and its activities. Here, we find out more about them, their backgrounds and why they find volunteering as a board member is rewarding.



"While they play a crucial role in the work of governing, building and growing the work of the Harpenden Trust, not everyone knows the Trust Board, or their backgrounds. It is my pleasure to introduce the Harpenden Trust Board team, to help you find out a little more about them, their respective roles and put a 'face to the name'! All our board members, like our volunteers, operate on an entirely voluntary basis and we are extremely thankful for their time, effort and expertise."

Richard Nichols, Chair, Harpenden Trust



Nick Lockett - Chair: Care Fund

"I joined the Trust in 2014 as a home visitor and am now the Chair of the Care Fund. Supporting the residents of Harpenden and in particular the less fortunate is my passion. We have a brilliant team in the Care Fund that 'make amazing things happen'."



Steve Pryor - Chair: Community Fund

"I am the Chairman of the Community Fund in the Harpenden Trust which provides funding to local organisations for projects undertaken for the benefit of Harpenden residents. I was previously a senior manager with Lloyds Bank and also worked in Luton providing advice to people looking to start their own businesses."



Pat Ring BEM - People Director

"When I was appointed to the role of People Director in June 2018, the position was a new one for the Trust. The Board had decided that it was important to have someone dedicated to looking after all the Volunteers and the HR aspects of the Organisation. Little did we know what lay around the corner in early 2019! It resulted in our increased profile, and therefore hugely increased our volunteer requirements in all areas - recruitment, structure, communication, diversification, expansion and more!"



Andrew Lynes - Finance Director

"Having recently retired from 30 years of Director roles within privately / family owned businesses, my recent appointment as Harpenden Trust Finance Director will enable me to give something back to a community that has been my home since 1968. With my Nikki, a volunteer within the Home Visits Team, we are kept very busy with our two young Grandsons. I am a lover of all sports, especially golf, rugby and cricket."



Sarah Holmes - Head of Wellbeing

"I'm Head of Wellbeing, a role that didn't exist a year ago. Wellbeing, in essence, is about how we're doing as individuals and as a community and – as we all know – the Trust is all about people and community. It's been a steep learning curve made easier by my fellow Care Fund members. Their expertise, experience and encouragement has been a huge help as we expand the range of emotional and practical support under the Wellbeing umbrella."



Mike Felton - Chair: Investment Committee

"I chair the Investment Committee, a small but perfectly formed team of five. I have spent over three decades in financial markets, both as fund manager and fund selector. Our job is to grow and protect the Trust's investment portfolio, providing the income for day-to-day needs and capital for future projects."



Roona Ellis - Chair: Audit, Risk & Governance Committee

"I chair the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee and also serve as a member of the Investment Committee, utilising my professional qualifications and past experience in the Pension and Investment industry. As a semi-retiree, my favourite past-time is working my allotment, walking the dog, and jam-making (I don't eat jam!)."



Lynn Kennedy - Chair: Appeal Committee

"I started volunteering for the Trust in about 2014 as secretary to the Care Fund. In 2017 I implemented our CRM System, Charity Log, and am the System Administrator for that. Also, in 2017 I took over managing the Christmas Appeal. I am on the ARG committee and also help at the Tuesday coffee mornings."



Mike Kelly - Non-Executive Director

"I have lived in Harpenden for many years and have worked as a solicitor locally until I retired three years ago. I have always been involved in the community, as a member of Harpenden Lions Club and more recently, with the Harpenden Trust."



Emma Deutrom - Non-Executive Director

"I've lived in Harpenden for 12 years now and my family and I love our community. I began volunteering with the Community Fund in 2019 and have helped at the vaccination centre and with the Christmas collection. I am proud and excited to join the Board, which helps to make our community great."



Roy Brimblecombe CBE - Vice President

"I've lived in Harpenden for over 50 years and always been involved in local events and groups. I first got involved with The Trust as part of the Home Visitors team and was Chairman from 2010 - 2012. Now I'm proud to be Vice President of this amazing charity."



Mike Gosling - Company Secretary

"I have been actively volunteering at the Trust since the start of the pandemic and have been involved with the Call Centre, Vaccination Centre and the Care Fund, where I manage the Grants area - awarding Utilities grants and grants for school trips. I also enjoyed being involved in the production of our HT promotional film. I have recently been appointed to the Board as Company Secretary."