

**CWP Trust Trustees**  
**Biographies**  
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**Chris Oldershaw**

A qualified town planner with over 30 years experience in economic development, planning, housing and urban regeneration, working in both the public and private sectors. I have led major regeneration schemes in Merseyside, Tyneside, Wearside and Teesside and successfully attracted over £75m of Government, Lottery and other public sector funds to lever in nearly £1 billion of private investment. Currently employed as Chief Executive of the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company Ltd and Marketing Gloucester Ltd. and acting as special adviser to the Forest of Dean Council on their plans to develop a regionally important centre of excellence in sustainability and green tourism. I consider that the Water Park and Cleveland Lakes in particular offer tremendous opportunities to develop their ecological, educational and green tourism credentials and I am keen to offer my planning and marketing skills to help realize this potential.

**David Roberts**

David is a Chartered Accountant of 41 years' standing, who after university trained with Price Waterhouse, London. His subsequent career has been mostly in senior finance related roles, including Finance Director, in both the private and public sectors. He was FD of a large private Swindon-based group throughout the 1980s. After a spell as MD of a private group he joined the Meteorological Office in 1995 for four years as FD with the task of putting it on to a full business basis. A three year period as FD of the UK MoD's military aircraft repair business followed, conducting a very similar role as for the Met Office. Since then he has been a shareholder / director in a private consultancy business and has delivered company turnarounds and other projects.

In volunteer roles, following six years as chairman of the British Gliding Association, David became the current chairman of the Royal Aero Club of the UK. He is also President of Europe Air Sports, representing some 1/2 million air sports pilots across Europe on civil aviation regulatory issues.

Living close to the Water Park, which he values as a local facility, David wants to help in getting the CWPT group back on to a stable and sound footing which will allow it continue delivering in future the objectives for which it was founded. His experience in corporate governance, strategic planning, financial management and turnarounds is relevant to this task. In the short term his focus is on the maximum recovery of funds for CWPT from those held accountable for the past.

David has lived in Ewen for 34 years, is married with three children and four grandchildren.

### **Terry Robinson**

Terry has nearly 40 years' experience in countryside conservation and the management of open air recreation. For most of his career he has been a lead authority for the national Government managing programmes for the Countryside Commission and its successor bodies, including Natural England. As a ranger, he has also developed and run country parks similar to the Cotswold Water Park. He has worked in a senior capacity managing teams delivering for nature and people and devising and delivering programmes that have advanced and consolidated practice. He has also held senior posts on the board and on the staff of schools in the UK and abroad. He has lived near Stroud for 33 years. He sees enormous scope for developing the Water Park as an exciting and enterprising attraction using modern management practices fit for the twenty-first century.

### **Robin Rogers**

I have had an interest in the way we preserve our landscapes from an early age, with involvement in various conservation bodies in the UK and Malaysia, as well as with my degree in Land Economy. For twenty years however we lived next to Clattinger's flower meadows and Lower Moor's magical lakes. This local affiliation meant I found myself vocal at and then a member of the Joint Committee for the CWP as representative for the Wiltshire villages and then at the height of the Society's crisis, playing a part in restructuring the organisation as a charity.

Since most of my career has been in executive search, I was able to set about recruiting and reconstructing the Board of the new Trust in 2011 and continue to thank my colleagues for their commitment and loyalty to the task. I joined them only in 2015 as a Trustee. Having qualified a while ago as a Chartered Accountant, I also assist as a member of the Finance Committee.

All visions for an area of the UK require support of the participants and the Water Park has a high level of recognition locally as a special area with an identity of its own - from local communities, the gravel companies, the leisure operators and others. This support is the basis of our confidence in the future vision but while our local authorities have run out of the financial resources to underwrite the vision, we all look to them to support the venture in every other way possible.

### **John Hayward**

I live at Siddington on the edge of the Water Park. I am a chartered surveyor with some 35 years' experience dealing at one time or another with most aspects of commercial property, mostly from a private sector perspective. With the reduction of public sector funding for the conservation and tourist focussed activities of the CWPT, I see my particular role as being to help to identify opportunities for the private sector that will generate funds to allow the CWPT to continue to meet its objectives. In addition, as a practising surveyor, I am able to provide support to the management team on the administration of the Trust's

portfolio and direct them to sources of specific expertise when necessary. As the Water Park's landscape continues to change through extraction, the challenge of shaping its future requires an evolving vision to which I am happy to contribute alongside the multi-talented team of dedicated co-Trustees and the various local authorities and their often conflicting priorities.

### **Gordon McGlone**

Gordon studied Botany and Zoology at University College Swansea where he specialised in environment. He was invited to study for a PhD and took over the helm of the tiny Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in 1979. At that time the Trust had three staff and less than 4000 members.

"One of my first tasks in summer 1979 with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust was to complete the acquisition of the Whelford Pools nature reserve. I subsequently put a lot of energy into this site and personally led the volunteer groups that built the two bird hides. I have a great affection for and excitement about the Cotswold Water Park. The area is of outstanding national and international importance for wildlife yet it still languishes as a Cinderella among our UK heritage treasures."

Other examples of Gordon's long-view include founding the Gloucestershire Bat Group and Environmental Records Centre for the county in 1989 (against local opposition). He also got Gloucestershire local authorities to sign the first 'Peat Charter' in the UK with Sir David Attenborough 20 years ago