

# Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

## Details of candidates for election at the 2021 AGM

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### **Angela Devas nominated by Roger Hinton for election as a committee member**

**Statement of background and relevant experience:** I worked as a lecturer in Film and Media at a variety of higher education establishments, including the University of Brighton, University of Sussex, West London University and the Open University.

**Statement of how the Society would benefit from my appointment:** I have long experience of committee membership, starting in the 1980s when I was a member of the British Council Accreditation Committee for Language Schools and continuing throughout my career. I am a member of various voluntary societies in Brighton including the Brighton branch of the Clarion Cycling Club where I am on the committee and the U3A (Brunswick, West Hove and Portslade) where I am a group leader. I am also an active member of Brighton Active Transport.

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### **David Fisher nominated by Helen Walker for election as a committee member**

**Statement of background and relevant experience:** I am retired after 40 years as an editor, publisher, researcher, designer and journalist in the field of international media business and technology. I have lived in Brighton for 43 years and over that time have become more involved in its history and built environment. I now have a website about local history ([brightonhistory.org.uk](http://brightonhistory.org.uk)). I was one of the instigators of the campaign to save the Brighton Hippodrome and am now a director of Brighton Hippodrome CIC and have coordinated the preparation of the business case for its restoration as a large-scale theatre. I was recently a participant in the Brighton and Hove Citizens' Climate Assembly.

**Statement of how the Society would benefit from my appointment:** I have been a trustee of the society since 2014 and am currently a vice-chair. For six months in 2021/21 I was an acting co-chair. I have been involved in contributing to the lecture programme as both an organiser and speaker. I have been active in other capacities for events and projects, including the James Gray Collection and the society's publications. I will be pleased to continue with these other activities on the society's behalf.

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### **Alasdair Glass nominated by David Fisher for election as a committee member**

**Statement of background and relevant experience:** I am a retired architect and a retired member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation. I am a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a former trustee of the Victorian Society. I edit the annual Transactions of the Association of Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings. I was Director of Heritage Design at the DOE Property Services Agency London Region and then Director of Works Professional Services at English Heritage. Later, as a consultant to Donald Insall Associates I prepared heritage statements for conservation area and listed building consent applications. I perceive conservation as the active management of change while protecting the special interest of a historic building.

**Statement of how the Society would benefit from my appointment:** Since my first election in 2018, I have served on the Joint Planning Forum with Hove Civic Society, focusing on listed building and conservation area applications, I also volunteer for the James Gray Collection project. I have sat on the Council's Madeira Terrace Restoration Advisory Panel since its inception. During 2020, I lead the Society's response to public consultation on part 2 of the Brighton and Hove City Plan and on the Government's "Planning for the Future" White Paper. I also drafted our vision for the future of Brighton General Hospital, which describes the historical significance of the site as a workhouse and demonstrates how it could be re-developed as housing while preserving the heritage of the original buildings.

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**Rupert Radcliffe-Genge nominated by David Robson for election as Honorary Treasurer**

**Statement of background and relevant experience:** Rupert became involved some 30 years ago over a proposal to build a funfair on the beach. With the Society's help, campaigners sent in 5,000 objections. The plan was dropped.

He has since been a trustee off and on, being variously membership secretary, communications officer, publications manager, general dogsbody and honorary treasurer. He arranged catering and wine for this year's garden party.

He holds an MA in philosophy, politics and economics and was a national newspaper journalist. He works as a communications consultant for multi-nationals corporations, heritage bodies and several charities. He is also honorary treasurer of the Brunswick Town Charitable Trust.

**Statement of how the Society would benefit from my appointment:** I stood as treasurer years ago because previous roles showed how important it is for a small charity to be able to fund its work and support appropriate projects.

So far, that has been reasonably simple— trustees have cut costs to the minimum, while our lecture and events programme will shortly resume.

I would like to help ensure that we have sufficient resources for our work in the years ahead with robust finances funding donations and appropriate projects.

I am one of two trustees on the Madeira Terraces' Advisory Panel, helping guide the restoration. I am also the society's representative at the Brighton Gasworks Coalition, which aims to prevent tower blocks being at the site. I'd like to see both through to their conclusions.

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**Paul Zara nominated by Roger Hinton for election as a trustee**

**Statement of background and relevant experience:** I am an architect, born in Lewes and trained at University College, London. I spent 35 years at Conran & Partners and set up their Brighton office. I have led local and regional projects, including helping to save Embassy Court, taking it through its refurbishment. I also assisted in the Save Saltdean Lido campaign and have helped them for over a decade with their work to get the Grade II\* listed lido back in use.

I have been an assessor for the Civic Trust and RIBA awards and have won Sussex Heritage Trust awards. I sat on the Design South East design review panel and

currently chair the Sussex branch of the RIBA. I am also a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts.

**Statement of how the Society would benefit from my appointment:** I'm passionate about our city, both its past and future heritage, and feel that at the moment development seems to be happening on a random, site-by-site basis, rather than against an overall city vision. Brighton & Hove is heavily developed and while there is great housing demand, we also need a city with open space, more trees and clean air. It needs to be easy to move around, ideally not by car!

I don't have a view on architectural style, but I believe that design quality is everything. I will happily assist the society in commenting on proposed developments. I have already assisted with various tasks including valuation of the society's assets and have helped with the latest delightful garden party!

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