

Nominations for trustees

Under its constitution, the society can appoint up to 14 trustees. At the time of the AGM there will be five elected trustees. Four more, appointed by the trustees, serve only until the AGM but may stand for election. **There are up to nine vacancies, including the posts of honorary secretary and honorary treasurer.** There are five nominations. A ballot will be held for all nominees, who must receive votes from at least one third of the members attending the AGM.

The following have been duly nominated for appointment as officers and trustees for election at the AGM, 10 April 2024.

AS HONORARY SECRETARY

No nominations.

AS HONORARY TREASURER

Rupert Andrew Radcliffe-Genge

Nominated by David Robson

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 has arranged catering and wine for multiple garden parties.

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

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 now thrives.

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 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 on the site. Both are taking a while and I'd like to see them through to their conclusions.

AS TRUSTEES

Richard Robinson

Nominated by David Fisher

I am a practicing architect with many years professional experience. I have lived in and near Brighton since 2006.

My work has included local listed buildings.

I believe I will be able to contribute to the Society due to my local knowledge as an architect.

I have served as a trustee in the past and was able to contribute to tours set up by the Society to York and Newcastle. I led a tour to Liverpool in 2019.

I have been a member of the Society's Planning Forum for many years.

Prof David Greensett Robson

Nominated by Tom Livingstone

I am a retired architect and associate of the RIBA and a former Professor of Architecture of the University of Brighton. Over a career spanning fifty years I have designed and built in Switzerland, Germany and Sri Lanka as well as in the UK and I have taught in universities in Sri Lanka, Singapore, Czechia and the USA as well as in the UK. I have published more than a dozen books on architecture and was joint author of 'A Guide to the Buildings of Brighton' that was published by the RIBA in 1986.

I am currently researching the lives and work of the three Denmans (John Leopold Denman was a founding member and both chair and President of the Society) and hope eventually to publish a book and map-guide devoted to their work.

I first became a trustee of the Society in 1997 and have served intermittently for a total of 13 years. During that time I have organised four foreign study tours, two UK study tours and numerous one-day outings. I have also organised the Society's lecture programmes over a number of years and I've delivered six lectures.

I believe that the Society has an important role to play as a leading amenity society in the city.

Although I have supported a number of different activities (as outlined above), I believe that these should always take second place to the Society's main function which is to campaign vigorously to protect the unique heritage of our city and to safeguard its future.

Dr David John Sears

Nominated by Suzanne Hinton

I was born in Birmingham, grew up in Leatherhead and studied chemistry at the University of St Andrews. I remain a scientist at heart, with a strange faith that there are real facts, that decisions are usually better if based on data, and getting the process right may also help!

Work in the chemical industry in London, Southampton and, for 20 years, in Brussels, proved to be more about selling ideas than products, and highlighted the need for many organisations to adapt and communicate better in a fast-changing world.

A spell as Deputy DG of the British Chambers of Commerce was followed by another 20 years commuting from Hove to Brussels, eventually as head of the UK delegation to the EESC (an EU advisory body).

Hobbies include photography, family and house history, and collecting and reading books. All these proved useful during the 2020-21 lockdowns when I managed to contribute around 800 images with historical notes to the 'new' James Gray Collection and to learn more about the art and architecture of our evolving city at the same time.

Before that, we enjoyed many lectures, local excursions and guided tours to Berlin, Venice and the Veneto, making good friends on the way, and hope to do so again before too long.

Since becoming a Trustee in May 2023, I have led the Website Renewal Project team and have helped complete a much-needed update of the Constitution.

I am sure there will be more equally enjoyable 'opportunities' over the months ahead!

James Tulley

Nominated by David Fisher

I have an international portfolio career encompassing business development, marketing, branding, communications, public relations and underpinned by strategic planning, project management, events management, and human resources across the global culture, fashion, arts, heritage, finance, environment, conservation and nonprofit sectors working with some of the world's leading individuals, organisations, businesses and brands.

I am actively involved in many non profits in the city which reflect my interests in education, culture and conservation including: Co-Chair of Governors at Blatchington Mill School, Committee Member of Benfield Wildlife and Conservation Group, Urban Fringe Group at CPRE Sussex, Culture Change Committee at Royal Pavilion Museum Trust among others.

From a global and varied life and career, I bring fresh and diverse experiences, insights, knowledge, expertise and perspectives. In particular: 1. marketing, branding and PR where I have helped to contribute to the evolution of the society's website and identity 2. good governance where I have been supporting the trustees on best practice 3. engagement of 'next generation' and education of younger members of the community 4. leveraging my networks, contacts and relationships to support society objects 5. supporting strategic thinking, planning and direction.