



COMMUNITIES FIRST WESSEX (Trading as Community First)

Directors' Biographies

David Eley

Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers

I have over 45 years in International and Merchant Banking culminating in Board and Executive positions in London and the Channel Islands.

I have been involved in the voluntary sector all my adult life. Voluntary Youth Club Leader for 20 years. Spent a few years as business advisor in the Princes Trust and as a Magistrate in London and latterly in Southampton. Many years involved with expanding a Community Transport Scheme in London where I was Deputy Chair. On relocating to the New Forest twelve years ago became Trustee/Director of Community First New Forest. Also involved in The Friends of Brockenhurst and Brockenhurst Care Cars.

Paul Kirkland MA(OXON), MBA, FCIPD

During my career I progressed from Management Trainee to Personnel Director in Engineering, Electronics, Computing/IT and Banking.

I have considerable in depth experience of HR line management, employee relations, strategy development and implementation. Plus management of large business areas related to HR/Personnel. Since retiring have gained experience as a trustee of two charities including Joint Chair and Treasurer and acting as the main fundraiser for one charity.

I believe I have a wide range of skills and competencies gained over a long career. I am also a trustee of Wheels for Freedom

Clive Graham B.Phil in Education

I qualified as a teacher and youth worker and initially worked for 12 years in Rutland and Leicestershire as a youth and community tutor/teacher based at a Community College. In 1985, I moved to Andover, Hampshire, and worked for a further 26 years as a Community Education Manager based at a Community School to manage locally based adult learning,

youth work, extended services and community education. For the 10 years before retirement, in 2010, I also managed the community based Andover Adult and Family Learning provision which was initially funded through a sizeable European Social Fund grant. The provision made a significant contribution to engage “hard to reach” families and adults in learning whether to improve their literacy and numeracy skills and/or to take steps to return to learning to gain new qualifications. A dedicated Information and Advice Service was externally funded to support many of the learners to return to work. The provision was an excellent example of inter-agency collaboration and partnership working both with the voluntary and statutory sectors.

I am a keen mountain/hill walker and still enjoy an airy rock scramble on a sunny day.

Jan Lefley

20 years Managing Director of RCS Ltd; Community Development Manager Richard Aldworth School; Community Manager Fort Hill School; Community Manager Hatch Warren Community Centre for BDBC. A former HCC youth worker and play development worker for Basingstoke Play Council.

Previous experience includes Basingstoke Hospital ward clerk; project management; community development; Partnership working; fund raising bid writing; management of resources; national programmes delivery; training and employability programmes; HAF programmes and Community Pantries delivery

Further skills and experience include, Governor of the Dart Multi academy trust; Glass fusing; supporting New Forest and Winchester LCP`s; and supporting setting up of community development project in Cyprus.