

## Short Election Statements for NEC Candidates

**Chair : David MORGAN** *Proposer:* Julian Pursey *Seconder:* Julia Greenwood

I've been a member since 1994. Active member of South Wales LDWA where I have been a committee member for seven years assisting with growth of group. Organiser of 30 challenge events including Bath Beat, Rhondda Rollercoaster, Where Ravens Dare, Taith Torfaen and Valleys 100. I've completed sixteen 100s and been 100 coordinator on NEC for three years. One of the five architects of the new "Business Plan" that will shape and secure the association's future. I believe that I am qualified to lead the association and will work hard to ensure that the association grows whilst honoring its history.

**Treasurer : Sandy GEE** *Proposer:* Aileen Baldwin *Seconder:* Paula Pickersgill

I began my role as Treasurer for the LDWA in March 2014 and have enjoyed completing the annual accounts and working with others towards further improving our processes. I would welcome the opportunity to continue in this role for a final year. I am a qualified accountant and have worked in accounting and auditing in a number of roles over the last 30 years. Since 1995 I have been in financial services and I am currently in risk management in Insurance in a banking group. Apart from LDWA, my interests include running, cycling, Leicester City, music and beer.

**Secretary : Madeleine WATSON** *Proposer:* Julia Greenwood *Seconder:* Gill Myers

I have been a member of the LDWA since 2002. I regularly take part in LDWA challenge events around the country (being based in Leeds I am lucky that there are plenty to choose from). I am currently Secretary (coming to the end of my first year) and would like to continue.

**Membership Secretary : Steph CARTER** *Proposer:* Ralph Warman *Seconder:* Judith Webster

I am currently Membership Secretary and am seeking re-election for my 5<sup>th</sup> and final year- my full term as elected Membership Secretary (with an additional 11.5 months co-opted as Membership secretary). I feel I have done a good job to date. In my tenure membership has increased more than 20%, Direct Debit payment by more than 50% and the LDWA has returned to an annual surplus once more due to efficiency saving I have made. Having a final year is important as I can complete a comprehensive handover manual and find and train my successor.

**Strider Editor : Graham SMITH** *Proposer:* Brian Buttifant *Seconder:* Neil Higham

I was a local newspaper editor for 23 years, the last 18 of them editing the East Kent Mercury. I also edited a travel magazine for four years. I took over as Strider editor last year and I love the job. I view it as building on the wonderful work of Julie Welch and Ken Falconer, and I am trying to use my experience to make Strider busier, newsier and brighter. The main focus of what I am doing is to get more news from our fantastic groups into our magazine.

**IT and Internet Officer : Adam DAWSON** *Proposer:* Peter Aylmer *Seconder:* Madeleine Watson

I took on the IT and Internet role at the March 2016 AGM and am applying to hold the position for the third year. I have held a variety of IT posts in the private sector including European IT manager for Shell Chemicals. I am a keen Long Distance Walker, having completed most of the National Trails and in 2014 I backpacked LEJOG to raise money for the Scouts. In the LDWA role I have delivered a major outsource of IT service provision as well as modernized the whole website admin system and launched "PACER", so feel well qualified for a third year in the role.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

**Julie CRIBB** *Proposer:* Stephen Cribb *Seconder:* Madeleine Watson

I have served on NEC for two years as Local Groups' Secretary, during which time I have organised two very participative and successful Local Groups' Weekends, written several hopefully helpful articles in Strider and represented group interests at NEC. I am Chair of my own local group and so understand many of the issues and challenges facing groups. Having been part of the Business Planning group at National level I would welcome the opportunity to complete this work. I would also like to complete a number of initiatives to support group officers that I introduced during my time in office.

**Tim GLENN** *Proposer:* John Widdowson *Seconder:* Brian Adcock

Dearly wishing to serve again, and with a passion for challenge events, 2018 is an ideal year for me to apply. Apart from Merchandise (1997 – 2018), I have been Local Groups Secretary (1989 – 1997), 1998 Hundred Committee Link and Anytime Anywhere creator/ organizer (1988 – 2018). As a Strider columnist I have worked under the last four Editors (2002 – 2018), represented LDWA at an Estonian walking forum (2005), in the YHA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Triangle Magazine (2005), on BBC Radio Nottingham (2009 and 2010) as a panelist at a live-streaming of "Walking as an Art Form" through Nottingham University / Dancer-4 (2015) and currently advise three different charity walking events.

**Christopher HEDLEY** *Proposer:* Julie Cribb *Seconder:* Sandy Gee

I would welcome being able to support LDWA for one last year of office as manager for the environment, data protection and risk. I want the LDWA to be legal, ethical and effective in these and many other areas so that it can continue to flourish in 20 years' time. Apart from a strong interest in long distance walking and cycling, the environment and nature, I have been a company director for many years and am a Visiting Professor at University College London.

**David HOLLAND** *Proposer:* Amy Randall *Seconder:* Kay Rees

I have been LDWA publicity officer since 2015, and am currently chair of Cornwall & Devon Local Group. During the next 12 months I will continue with normal established publicity activities but will additionally prepare a new Publicity Strategy Document that will link with our proposed Business Plan setting out the future direction of the LDWA.

**Neil RAWLINS** *Proposer:* Sandy Gee *Seconder:* David Findel-Hawkins

Having overseen the LDPs for the last couple of years, I have developed an understanding of the LDP web pages offering. With the website having a "face lift" in 2018, this is now the opportunity to freshen up the LDP's section and make it more user friendly, particularly for those who now use mobile devices as part of their walking activities.

**Alan WARRINGTON** *Proposer:* Ron Richardson *Seconder:* Rob Wilkinson

Pro-active, experienced long distance walker. Active social walker, primarily in South Wales and Thames Valley. Regular participant in challenge events (both entrant and voluntary roles), covering distances up to and including the annual 100. Experience in the planning, delivery and on-the-day management of challenge events such as Oxon 40/20 and Taith Torfaen and presently part of the committee organizing the 2020 Hundred (Y 100 Sir Fynwy). Early retirement now affords me additional time. I am extremely eager to continue to give something back to an association that has provided me with many opportunities, friendships and happy memories.