

**GRAHAM AMEY**

**Newhaven Town Council**

Although only parts of Newhaven are in the National Park the town is a major gateway with thousands visiting the area each year from abroad. As a member of the District Planning Committee I see my role as protecting the objectives of the SDNP. These of course are to protect the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and promote the public enjoyment of the special qualities of the Park.

On a personal note I have been Chair of the multi award winning Castle Hill Nature Reserve for the last 23 years, and the same as Chair of the South Downs Badger Protection Group. I was a founder member of the Sussex BLB Vaccine Group and spend most weekends on the Downs as Site Manager for the Brighton Metal Detecting Club and I am also President of Newhaven Museum.

I hope with my varied experience I could become a valuable member of the E. Sussex constituency.

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**PAUL BEVAN**

**Piddinghoe Parish Council**

So far the South Downs National Park has proved, I think, to be a vindication of the long-fought campaign that led to its designation. Ours is a precious landscape in a highly pressured part of England. The National Park Authority has a tough job to do in balancing environmental, social and economic concerns.

I chair Piddinghoe Parish Council in the Lower Ouse Valley. Following a career in local and regional government, I retrained in wine production and now work part-time in Sussex viticulture. I have long experience of strategic planning, consultation and management, and appreciate the challenges the Authority faces in communicating with and navigating the diverse communities of interest across its area. It would be a privilege to play a part, on behalf of East Sussex parish councils, in ensuring that the needs and values of the Park's local communities are reflected in the Authority's policies, practices and priorities.

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**TIM BRYANT**

**East Dean & Friston Parish Council**

My name is Timothy Bryant and I am currently a Councillor for East Dean and Friston Parish Council.

I have lived in Friston for 26 years and for 10 of these I have served on the Parish Council and I am passionate about preserving the landscape that is the South Downs.

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I am a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors with over 40 years of post-qualification experience.

In recent years, my experience has been in co-ordinating specialist advice on land, particularly ecology, landscape and the environment. This experience has informed my commitment that these issues must be addressed to ensure the preservation of the National Park.

If appointed to serve on the South Downs National Park Authority, I would hope to bring this experience and my energy in sustaining the Authority's efforts to maintain their stated objective of protecting the landscape and environment of the National Park.

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**IAN DOUGLAS**

**Kingston Parish Council**

I want to fully represent the parishioners of Kingston PC, as I am Chair of that body.

I am interested in the broader remit of SDNPA Planning Policy, and how Kingston PC fits into that & ensure that the views of parishioners are reflected.

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**TOM JONES**

**Ditchling Parish Council**

Hitherto I spent the first ten years of the SDNP's beginning as a member on its Board representing Lewes District Council.

A new beginning, a new Authority a new challenge. Using my already planning knowledge I found myself on the Planning Committee and launching into contributing towards producing the first Local Plan ever produced for the National Park: a land mark for this very special place. It looks different from most other local plans, because at its heart is the requirement to conserve and enhance the nationally important landscapes of the South Downs.

Our Purpose is not just about these precious, nationally important landscapes, their wildlife and cultural heritage. It is about the wild range of benefits they provide for us all that must be nurtured and protected for future generations. It is about our communities that live and work in the National Park and their social and economic needs.

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**WILLIAM MEYER**

**Rodmell Parish Council**

I am passionate about the SDNPA having had the opportunity of serving as Lewes District Council Member.

As Parish Member, I will be accountable for and committed to:

- improving transparency in planning decisions;
- prioritising support for brown field sites;
- increasing investment in enforcement;
- protecting landscapes from harmful developments close to or on Park boundaries;
- meeting the renaturing goal of 33% of the SDNPA by 2030;
- championing cycling and walking.

I understand:

- multi-layered local government;
- management systems within the SDNPA;
- diverse interests of town and parish councils;
- parish needs when competing against other strategic priorities;
- the duty of Members to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.

My experience includes:

- LDC appointed SDNPA Member, 2019 - 2023;
- SDNPA Planning Committee;
- SDNPA Company Director of Seven Sisters Country Park;
- promoting public understanding and enjoyment of the SDNPA's special qualities;
- proven engagement with parish councils as a recent District Councillor.

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**ADRIAN ROSS**

**Lewes Town Council**

I would like to be on the Board of SDNPA to enhance the role of local councillors in planning applications and decision making.

As an ex-District Councillor, I was frustrated by how little input and influence locally elected members had into planning. I am advocating working proactively rather than reactively with Councils in future; the Park needs to give far more input and weight to those most experienced and knowledgeable on local issues and residents views of development proposals.

Lewes is the largest town in any British national park, with some critically important planning applications in process or due in the next four years (on North Street Quarter, the Bus Station and

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Brooks Road). As a Town Councillor, I want to advocate for residents, and ensure that the decisions made by the Authority preserve the character and economy of the Town and surrounding District, as well as the Park itself.

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**VANESSA ROWLANDS**

**Cuckmere Valley Parish Council**

Thanks to your support 4 years ago, I became a member of the SDNPA board and in July 2022, its Chair (first from the parishes!)

Before that I was Deputy Chair (2 years) and on the Planning committee. I average 4 days a week on SDNPA business.

As Chair of the Authority, encouraging a dialogue & exchange of ideas with our parishes and communities is vitality important to me. Parishes are a key partner in delivering the SDNPA's priorities. Your input into the forthcoming Local Plan review, via Parish Priority Statements, for example, will be hugely important.

The recent local elections will result in considerable changes to the SDNPA board with new appointments across the National Park. As Chair I am ready to lead and support this new group through the next 4 years.

I hope you can support my nomination to be SDNPA member and continue as its Chair.

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**MARK MARSH**

**East Chiltington Parish Council**

I am a retired cell biologist/virologist. After training in London, Germany and the USA, I started my independent research career at the Institute of Cancer Research, London. Subsequently, I joined UCL's Laboratory of Molecular Cell Biology, where I was director from 2006-2020. I have been a member/chaired committees and boards for the Medical Research Council and UCL, I was treasurer and a trustee of the British Society for Cell Biology, and I have been an editor/editorial board member for academic journals.

I am passionate about the environment. I welcome the opportunity to work with and support the SDNP and consider my management skills and experience in science will be of value to the SDNPA. Moreover, as a member of a parish council which is partly within and partly outside the SDNP, I feel I can best represent the many split parishes that are coming under extreme pressure for further development.