

CHRIS RYAN:

Currently a retired senior academic with the title “Honorary Professor, City, University of London”.

Born and educated in New Zealand graduating with a Bachelor with Honours and a Masters degree in law. Qualified as barrister and solicitor of the High Court of NZ. Subsequently practiced as a lawyer and then as a legal academic in the UK at Kingston, Liverpool, and City, University of London - specialist in Constitutional law (human rights, civil liberties and the rule of law); company law (including corporate governance and directors duties and rights); and criminal law.

As I was promoted I took on more and bigger administrative roles ultimately becoming Head of Academic law and finally as interim Dean of the law faculty of City with an academic staff of approximately 125 and an administrative staff of approximately 55.

My focus in relation to the IOW cricket board would be trying to ensure inclusivity, absence of bias, discrimination and conflicts of interest as well as the promotion of the best interest of cricket on the IOW and not that of clubs or individuals. I hope I can provide some oversight of board procedures and the fairness and reasonableness of its decision making.

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“In my professional journey as a Management Accountant, what has helped me the most and continues to do so are my critical thinking and problem-solving skills; they have consistently driven me to navigate challenges effectively. These paired with my bubbly personality allow me to embrace challenges with enthusiasm, promoting a positive environment.

But first of all I am a person who relocated to a new country, and this experience has instilled in me a profound understanding of the importance of inclusivity in sports. Having navigated the challenges of adapting to a different culture, I recognize the transformative power of sports in giving a sense of belonging and unity.

I have always been passionate about team sports in general, and I see Cricket not only as a sport but as an heritage that holds immense cultural value. I aim to help in advocating the expansion of cricket education to a broader audience,

harnessing its potential to not only enrich lives through sport but also to encourage community engagement. I am dedicated to contributing in the local growth of this sport, bringing not only a diverse perspective but also a firsthand appreciation for the role sports play in bridging cultural gaps and creating a welcoming environment for individuals from various backgrounds.

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity I was given last year to let me be part on this journey along with some really amazing people.

A big well done to all the involved: Clubs and Coaches who always give 100% . ”

BRIAN JENNINGS

I am currently the Executive officer of Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Council and in that capacity I have created and introduced an EDI policy to the Parish Council and believe that making our public spaces/activities accessible to all is the bedrock of a healthy society.

I have been a supporter of Essex and England cricket since my school days and have taken great pleasure in watching my daughter develop an interest in the game, all cultivated here on the Isle of Wight.

During and after graduating from University I enjoyed a 20+ year career in corporate IT, culminating in my being appointed the Lead Infrastructure Architect for Cybersecurity at Lloyds banking Group – based in London and responsible for dozens of projects and associated staff around the world.

During my IT career I was fortunate enough to travel extensively and would seek out cricket grounds to visit – sometimes this meant watching a different sport at the ground (e.g. Aussie Rules at the MCG) but It has always been worthwhile – cricket grounds play host to such great theatre and feeling like part of it still brings me great joy.

After moving to the Island I was able to combine my IT experience with a passion for teaching and spent five years teaching Computing at Nettlestone Primary School, before taking up my current role in late 2019.

Like many cricket supporters, I have been bitterly disappointed to discover how excluded many people (all over the Country) felt from this wonderful game – Isle of Wight Cricket has made great strides with making cricket a game

for all – in particular with the W&G and disability teams and I intend to try and support the hardworking officers, coaches and many volunteers that enable others to experience this marvellous game, in any way I can.

HUGH GRIFFITHS