

MEMBERS OF THE RUTLAND FIRST CIC BOARD

Miles Williamson-Noble Chair



Miles served for most of his professional life as an Engineer Officer in the Royal Air Force. He left in 1997 in the rank of Air Commodore. He then worked for 10 years as Registrar and Secretary of the Farriers Registration Council.

He has been a Rutland County Councillor, a school governor and from 2014 to 2015 served as High Sheriff of Rutland. He is a business adviser with Young Enterprise, and is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

He joined the Board of Healthwatch Rutland CIC in 2017 and was appointed Chair of Rutland First CIC in April 2018. Throughout his life, Miles has been involved with the training of young people and is passionate about ensuring that they are able to make the best of the opportunities open to them.

Christine Stanesby



Christine has been resident in Rutland for 17years.

Her professional life was in education with a variety of teaching experience including 14 years as a senior lecturer in a university department . As the wife of a parish priest she has had wide exposure to a range of personal and social problems. She spent 5 years as a volunteer in a hospice day centre, has been a governor of an independent school and for 18 years was a member of the petitions committee of a national charity.

Christine has extensive knowledge of autism and Asperger's syndrome and is keen to support the provision of respite care, care for carers and provision for young people with

disabilities as they move into the adult world.

She was a member of the steering group of LINK, and was previously the Healthwatch representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Alliance Contract Board and Better Care Together.

Christine sees the effective and efficient organisation of public services as a major concern and would like to make some contribution to working through the problems.

Geoff Thompson



Geoff Thompson joined the Resilient Rutland project in 2017, initially to help with secondary school communications, and is now the Chair of the Resilient Rutland Steering Group.

He is retired from a 41 year career spanning Risk Management, Strategy, IT, Operations, Relationship Management, Finance, Marketing, Sales and General Management with responsibilities varying from local, regional, national and international and working with over 80 countries. Of this career he most enjoyed understanding and working with cultural differences and living (and skiing) in Canada and Switzerland.

He has been Chair of the Governing Body of Uppingham Community College since 2012 and is a Founder Governor at Harington School. He is also Chair of the Uppingham Surgery Patient Participation Group, a member of the Uppingham Parochial Church Council, a local Councillor for Uppingham, a member of the Badley Affordable Housing Trust and Chair of Practical Compassion for Destitute Children.

He is a Freeman of the City of London, a Liveryman of the Information Technologists Company, and has B.Sc(Hons), ACIB and CIMA Cert.BA qualifications.

His whole family is involved in local community activities and he enjoys walking, cycling, travelling, camping, skiing, sailing and singing.

Jeannette Warner



On graduating from Exeter University I worked for a leading Insurance company in their personnel department before joining the family commercial printing company where I am now a director.

I became a Board member of CIC Rutland in June 2019 with a particular interest in supporting Resilient Rutland.

I am also a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Rutland

Gina Head



Gina Head is the Brand Director for MARS CELEBRATIONS. Responsible for the P&L and growth agenda for the UKs most loved chocolate box.

With a proven track record of P&L transformation Gina has been employed by MARS Inc for the last 8 years. As well as a senior marketing professional, she is a Mars Recruitment Ambassador and a member of the Diversity & Inclusion acceleration team.

Passionate about self-development Gina has a CIM Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing and is a recent graduate of the Magpie Leadership course. Gina also has a further seven years broad marketing experience across consumer technology, financial services, retail and the fitness industries.

Outside of work, Gina is a mentor for a D&I charity Psalt, a mentor for the social impact organisation Women Ahead and a Mental Health First Aider. She lives in Oakham with son Finlay (aged 3) and husband Alex.

Paul Kitson



Paul is a qualified Accountant and Corporate Treasurer and spent most of his career with BP p.l.c. working a variety of roles in Accounting, Corporate Finance, Project Management, Governance and Risk Management including several secondments in Russia. Paul has also worked as head of Ethics and Compliance in a Russian Oil Company. Since retiring, Paul has been a volunteer adviser at Citizens Advice in Rutland and East Hertfordshire. To keep fit, Paul is a regular walker with the Long Distance Walkers Association and participates in yoga.

Dr Carole East



In my 46-year teaching career, I have taught in a wide variety of local contexts: primary education, prisons, FE, the WEA, home teaching and, for the last 20 years, in Higher Education. I have a Masters in Continuing Professional Education and a PhD from the University of Nottingham, exploring the impact of poor mental health on students and staff who support them. Also, a founder member of the University Mental Health Adviser Network, a registered charity that advises government bodies on student mental health. As Senior Disability Adviser at the University of Nottingham, I supported the teaching and learning of disabled students with the aim of creating a holistic supportive environment for all students and staff. This resonates with the work of Resilient Rutland.

Co-opted Members:

Valerie Clark



I was born in Yorkshire.

I have 2 adult daughters, and one granddaughter, all of whom are, by choice, are resident in Rutland.

I trained as a teacher, my specialist subject being Art and I continue to enjoy going to art and sculpture exhibitions. After moving to Uppingham, I undertook an Open University Fine Art degree whilst teaching at SJS. Despite being 'retired', I have not picked up a brush for some time! I also enjoy spending time with my family, reading, walking and sewing.

I have lived in a number of different places in this country, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. The family lived in Africa for 12 years where I home schooled my own children and 3 American children in the Nigerian Bush. Whilst living in Zimbabwe I was deputy Head of a co-ed prep boarding school with students of many different nationalities.

I have had a long career in Education, having taught in a variety of maintained and Independent schools in this country and over-seas.

On returning home and living with my family in Godalming, Surrey, I worked for the Centre for International Briefing in Farnham, Surrey, an organisation set up initially by Shell to brief their employees who were going to work overseas.

Moving to Uppingham in 1989, I began teaching at Stamford Endowed School Junior school, where I was appointed to the senior leadership team in charge of Safeguarding and Pastoral Care. Throughout this time, I updated my mandatory safeguarding training every two years and attended many safeguarding, wellbeing, and mental health courses. I met with and advised many parents whose children had pastoral worries.

During my time as a senior teacher and whilst being a school governor I was an Assistant Reporting Inspector for ISI, (Independent School Inspectorate) for 15 years. This gave me the opportunity to visit/inspect many schools both in this country and all over the world. I have inspected in Tokyo, Moscow, Mexico City, Turkey, the Cayman Islands and the Canary Islands. I retired from this role 2 years ago.

I retired after teaching at SES for 14 years and after a 2year break was appointed to the Stamford Endowed Schools Governing body where Safeguarding and Wellbeing is my remit. I have been a governor for 15 years and will step down from my role in December 2021.

My areas of governor responsibility are Safeguarding, pastoral - care and the mental health and well- being of pupils across the three schools. I continue to attend courses specifically for school governors, covering these responsibilities. I am also liaison governor for Stamford High School, a position which enables me to have close contact with staff and pupils in the school.

As part of my role as Safeguarding governor I have interviewed and been involved in the appointment of all 3 current Heads, the newly appointed soon to be Head of the Junior school and the Principal of the Endowed Schools as well as the appointments of Senior Pastoral and Boarding staff.

Helen Cullen



Helen spent her entire career in the banking and securities industry where she held senior roles with UK and American investment banks. She has worked in a variety of areas including banking operations, operations consultancy, systems installation and training, process reengineering and systems specification, control and risk management, regulatory reporting, client services and institutional client relationship management.

Where work permitted, Helen has been a volunteer for most of her adult life. She has been a Special Constable and was a senior officer of a London graduate social club for a number of years. More recently she has helped several small charities gain their registered charitable status and served on their trustee boards. After retiring in 2014 she and her husband moved from Kent to Rutland where they have close family connections in the area. She is a Parish Councillor and has served on the board of trustees of Citizens Advice Rutland.

Helen is a keen dog-walker and gardener and leads a busy life in her community. She is a strong supporter of engaging rural communities to achieve local conservation goals and with this in mind she and her husband regularly visit conservancy and community-based projects in Africa where a broadening and evolving range of interventions are linking conservation with economic development.