

Barnsley Governors Association – Nominations for the Executive

Molly Beever

Greenacre Special School
The Kingstone School
Temporary Governing Body Kingstone/Holgate ALC

Molly is extremely reliable and will do everything in her power to ensure the successful completion of any work she undertakes. Her skills, business expertise and teaching background will be an asset to the Executive. She has excellent communication skills, is fully committed to Greenacre School and its ethos, and is actively involved in all facets of school life.

John Bostwick

Holgate School

Former Senior Fire Officer responsible for education countywide and BMBC Councillor.
Vice chair Community Health Council.
Chair Temporary Governing Body Horizon CC, previously feeder and Greenacre governor.
Chair Schools Forum and representative to Building Schools for the Future Programme Board.
Trustee of Cooper Art Gallery, Shawlands Trust and Holgate Foundation.

Sharon Cook

Thurgoland CoE Primary

I have been a School Governor for over 10 years and a Chair at Thurgoland for around 5. Thurgoland School is an Outstanding School, working with the senior leadership team there is a privilege. I am also Chair of the IEB at Darfield All Saints Primary School. I joined the new leadership team there at Easter this year and am thoroughly enjoying the challenges of getting the school out of the Special Measures category.

With regards to the role of Treasurer, I have a degree in Economics and Accounting. I have spent my working life in a number of blue chip companies in Senior Commercial Management roles. I was treasurer of a local children's club for 5 years.

Sharon has been nominated by John McDougall, seconded by Adrian England to be **Treasurer of the BGA Exec** if elected. Any other nominations to be taken before the vote.

Adrian England

Dodworth St John the Baptist C of E (VA) Primary School

I have known Adrian personally for nearly 20 years. He joined the Gables Special School Governing Body almost 20 years ago as a Sponsored Governor (by Mencap) and up to the school's closure was a most supportive and challenging Governor. I moved on to take up the post of Headteacher at Dodworth St John's Primary and I asked Adrian to join our Governing Body as a Local Authority Governor. Within a year moved to be a Foundation Governor and took over as Chair of the Governing Body and with his support, the Leadership Team, turned around a failing school into an Outstanding school. I fully support Adrian's nomination to the Barnsley Governors Association, Executive.

Pauline Hilling-Smith

Former Headteacher, The Gable Special School, Wombwell and Dodworth St John's Primary School, School Improvement Partner and OFSED Inspector.

Adrian has been nominated by Mark Pawson, seconded by Margaret Gostelow (Vice Chair of the BGA Steering Group) to be **Vice Chair of the BGA Exec** if elected. Any other nominations to be taken before the vote.

Margaret Gostelow

The Kingstone School, Wombwell High School IEB
and Temporary Governing Body Kingstone/Holgate ALC

I have been a school governor since 1987 and was chair of governors at a primary school for six years. I am currently vice chair of the BGA steering group. A good education system is important for the whole community. Our children and young people need school governors who are committed, knowledgeable and skilful; I should like to be part of the BGA and help make school governance even better in Barnsley.

Margaret has been nominated by Paul Smedley (Secretary of the BGA steering Group), seconded by Gordon Woodbridge to be **Secretary of the BGA Exec** if elected. Any other nominations to be taken before the vote.

Mark Pawson

Hoylandswaine Primary

I seek nomination to the executive because I fully support the ethos of an association dedicated to supporting and representing all governors in schools situated within the Barnsley area.

As a steering group member I now ask for the AGMs backing to continue to serve on the formalised BGA Executive.

Michael Sanderson

Kirk Balk Community College, Wombwell High School IEB
and Springwell Community Special School

School governance is more important than ever before. BGA aims to provide governors with the good support and opportunities to share experiences which they need. Having been a member of the steering committee, I would like to contribute to the Association's further development if elected to the new Executive Committee.

Michael has been nominated by James Lennon (Chair of the BGA steering Group), seconded by Sharon Cook to be **Chair of the BGA Exec** if elected. Any other nominations to be taken before the vote.

Paul Smedley

Royston Summerfields School

I have been a Governor at Royston Summerfields for almost five years and Chair of Governors for almost three years. I currently also sit as Governor on the recently formed Carlton and Royston Cooperative Learning Trust. I have also held the position of Secretary on the Barnsley Governor Association Steering Group.

Lynne Veal

Holgate School Sports College

- Governor at Holgate since 2002
- Trustee Governor
- member of the Temporary Governing Body (Holgate/Kingstone)
- Active participant at all meetings including Finance and strategy committees
- Link Governor responsible for Student Voice with benefits from Lynns particular interest – previous sub-dean for student support in Health at Leeds University
- Lecturer and Programme Manager

Gordon Woodbridge

Burton Road Primary

Having spent seven years as a governor I recognise how poorly supported governors are in Barnsley. Being a member of the BGA steering group for twelve months I know that a massive change can be achieved and I would wish to help that change occur.