

Nominations for Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee 2013

Martin Adeney has lived in the area for over forty years with his family. A former journalist, he runs a public relations consultancy from Highgate. He is Chairman of the Kingsley Place and Somerset Gardens Residents Association and a longstanding member of the Highgate Society Environment Committee. He helped organise the campaign to try to save the village post office. He was a founder member of the Forum committee, has contributed to the economic activity working group and advised on the Forum's communications.

Harley Atkinson has lived in Highgate for 36 years, initially on the Holly Lodge Estate and (for the last 26 years) in Fitzroy Park. After graduating in mathematics and physics, he spent a few years working on nuclear reactors before moving into the (very small) software industry, where he spent 27 years in technical and managerial posts before going independent for another 14 years, then retiring. A former treasurer of the Highgate Society, he is now treasurer of the Fitzroy Park Residents' Association and has been heavily involved in defending the area against inappropriate and potentially destructive developments and in reviewing Camden's policy on basements. He drafted the initial Forum Constitution.

Simon Briscoe has spent his professional life working with economic, social and business data in the civil service, banking, media and in start-ups. He has been on Highgate Society Council and is currently on the Heath Sub Committee of the Heath and Hampstead Society. He is a trustee of FullFact which promotes accuracy in public debate. He has been co-leading the HNF transport group and helping out with the Forum's data gathering and analysis.

Stuart Bull has lived in Highgate since 1977, with an 8 year break on the Kent coast, returning in 2011. He has an Honours degree in Botany from Durham University. Choosing not to stay on to do further research into "the natural chemical inhibitors to the germination of tomatoes", he went straight into an advertising career, setting up his own agency in Dean Street in 1979. Clients included SAAB, Carlsberg, the AA, Bristol Myers and Friends of the Earth. The agency was bought by the Saatchi Group in the mid 1990's. He is a keen gardener with a particular passion for Hellebores, also a member of The Highgate Society, The HSLI, the HNF " Bowl " planning group and a newly elected Trustee of The Harington Scheme.

Elsbeth Clements is a local resident of 20 years, a practicing architect and has been involved in planning issues for the area through her chairmanship of the Highgate Society Planning Group. She has been involved with the Forum since its inception, principally working on the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Currently, she is a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Development and Heritage Group and chairs the Plan Steering Group.

Stuart Cox studied at Mountview Theatre School in Crouch End/Wood Green which gave him his first experience of the area. After 10 years as actor, Stuart moved into providing arts opportunities for communities. Since June 2012 Stuart has been Participation Manager at Jacksons Lane on the Archway Road starting the department from scratch. He has created a Community Play project "A Borough United", a circus project for young people in Tottenham, a Social lunch for older people as well as a reminiscence project with The Haven in Tottenham and Mary Fielding Guild- Highgate. Stuart was co-opted onto the HNF Committee and took part in the Community Planning Workshops.

Michael Hammerson is a Chartered Surveyor and qualified Archaeologist, and was Planning Policy Officer for the Civic Trust. He is a Vice-President of the Highgate Society, was Chairman of its Environment Committee for over 20 years and still writes the Committee's quarterly reports in its magazine, remains active on its Planning Group, and also monitors applications for works to trees. He has served on the Forum's Committee for its first year, sitting on its Planning and Open Space working groups. He carries out an ecological survey in Highgate Wood, sits on the Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood Consultative Committees, is a local historian, has produced a historical booklet for Highgate Wood and is working on a popular local history book, hopefully to be published later this year.

Ian Henghes is a visual communications specialist who has produced a wide range of projects, especially in the heritage and arts sectors. He now primarily works in online (web) development, and enjoys a range of activities including photography and teaching children ICT and film skills. Locally, Ian is Secretary of the Friends of Waterlow Park, a Highgate Society Council member, and involved with Transition Highgate. He currently serves on the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee, has put the new website online, set up the questionnaire, taken many photographs and designed the initial information leaflet as well as subsequent publicity material. Currently he is helping with document sharing and communications and is part of the Open Spaces and Public Realm group and the Sustainability group.

Louise Lewis has lived in Highgate for seven years and has become very involved with the area and its community over those years. She is on the committee of Friends of Waterlow Park and is a member of the Highgate Society. She supported the formation of a Neighbourhood Forum from the outset as she saw it as a way of making an area she loves, even better. A key factor is the possibility of co-ordinating both Camden and Haringey and generating a village voice so that the concerns and thoughts of the people living and working here, are heard. She has served as membership secretary for a year, and would be willing to continue in this role. She is also on the Open Spaces and Public Realm and the Social, Community and Culture Plan working groups.

Maggy Meade-King is a Communications Consultant who has been a journalist and broadcaster, run her own successful small business, as well as

undertaking senior roles in the public and voluntary sectors. She was instrumental in starting up the HNF and has chaired it during its first year. She has been involved in all aspects of its work, leading on community engagement and the Forum designation application, supervising the publication and distribution of the questionnaire leaflet, taking part in the Placecheck walks and the Transport and Traffic Plan working group. She is also a member of Friends of Waterlow Park and Highgate Cemetery and the HLSI and sits on the Highgate Society Council.

Jim Meikle has lived in Highgate for almost 30 years. He retired in 2005 from a large firm of quantity surveyors and project managers and now works as an independent consultant. He has been a member of Highgate Literary and Scientific Institute for many years and has recently joined the Highgate Society. Jim has been involved with the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum for most of the last year, took part in the Placecheck exercise and, with Elspeth Clements, is leading the Development and Heritage working group.

Neil Perkins is a qualified Accountant and Corporate Treasurer who has been involved in a variety of organizations including the set up of The National Lottery and more recently The Health Lottery. He has served on the Forum's Committee for its first year as Treasurer, and is currently sitting on its Open Spaces working group. He has lived in Pond Square for 25 years and is the Chairman of the Pond Square Residents' Association.

Alicia Pivaro trained as an architect and has worked within the fields of architecture, design and cities. Through writing, teaching and key roles at the Arts Council, RIBA and The Architecture Foundation she has over 20 years experience at developing programmes and projects that engage the public and professions in new thinking about buildings, environments and public space. Locally, she established the St Michael's School Gardening Club and is now leading a project to redevelop the school grounds focusing on natural and creative play. She was also a Director of SHERCO and helped to organise the 50th anniversary celebrations for this local housing estate. She is a committee member of Fair in the Square, leading on children's activities and is working with the HVBA to develop events to promote local business and local artists and musicians. She is leading the HNF group on Open Spaces and Public Realm and is a Friend of Waterlow Park and Kenwood House.

Allan Rapley is a relatively new resident of Highgate having been here one year. He and his family came from NZ in 2003 to experience life in the UK and as time has passed they have become very settled. They all fell in love with Highgate, Allan's youngest son completing his primary years at St Michael's. He is currently restoring 46 Highgate High St to its Georgian ancestry as their family home and will then establish his own Veterinary Clinic in the premises. As a (soon to be) business owner and High St resident he is keen to see sustainable, considered, development of the village, whilst retaining the character we all enjoy. He has been designated as the representative of the Highgate Village Business Association

Susan Rose has lived in Highgate for just about fifty years, being in on the foundation of the Highgate Society and the threat of a motorway through the village. Her children all went to Highgate Primary School . She is now chair of Highgate CAAC the Conservation Area body and has since retiring from academia acquired experience in the planning field. When not occupied with planning and other neighbourhood matters she continues to write on her subject, economic and social medieval history.

Dion Watts will shortly be graduating with an MSc in Public Policy from UCL. His postgraduate dissertation seeks to use the CLEAR framework to answer the question of whether Neighbourhood Planning empowers local communities. His research involves a survey of Neighbourhood Forums and town / parish councils across the county complimented by in depth interviews with key stakeholders from the Highgate and West Ealing Centre Forums. Dion is the elected Student Academic Representative (StAR) for his postgraduate course, and as an undergraduate was elected Editor-in-Chief of the Durham University student newspaper, *Palatinate*. He has set up the Forum's Facebook, Twitter and Streetlife pages and is also working with Highgate School to involve pupils in the work of the Forum.