

A warm welcome to our new trustees

The Society is delighted to announce that it has recently been able to strengthen considerably its board of trustees. We hope the new appointments will be with us for many years to come, bringing their special skills to bear on our campaigning, conservation and promotional activities.

Dan Turner Vice Chairman



Dan is an experienced entrepreneur working in information technology and services, with skills in international negotiation, business

planning, operations management, e-commerce, and generally Getting Stuff Done!

He joined the Society's volunteer team to be involved in our chalk streams work, and was elected Chairman of the Rivers and Wetlands Group in September 2019. Along with other committed volunteers he's raised the plight of our chalk streams at levels up to Government minister. In November 2019 he joined the Society's board and has led the digital transformation. More recently he's taken on the role of Vice Chairman.

Luke Jefferys Treasurer



I've recently retired from NatWest, where I worked for 35 years. I undertook a number of roles there, finishing as Head of Retail Credit.

I joined the Chiltern Society driven by a desire to use my skillset to give back to the local community, while doing something I enjoy. I hope to focus on finances in the short term, before getting involved more widely in the large array of activities that the CS undertakes.

I'm a keen walker/runner/cyclist and

feel privileged to live in an area as beautiful as the Chilterns. I'd been planning to walk Hadrian's Wall Path when coronavirus hit, having already completed The West Highland Way, The South Downs Way and The Thames Path.

Harriet Bennett



I was born and brought up in Winchmore Hill, in an old farmhouse that used to provide the village with cheese and eggs. Luckily my parents

encouraged me to notice the natural world, and I was allowed plenty of time to explore every footpath and bridleway within reach of the house.

This really stuck with me, and I continue to devote my life to exploring and studying nature. I specialised in the interaction between agriculture and the environment through studies at Oxford University, Edinburgh University and University College London. For many years I worked overseas. After moving back to Buckinghamshire, I changed my focus to local nature conservation projects. My day job is at the Chilterns Conservation Board working on the Chalk, Cherries & Chairs project, creating, restoring and connecting wildlife habitat in the Central Chilterns.

I was inspired by my late father to apply to be a Society board member. He volunteered at Lacey Green Windmill. I aim to support the Society in its ambition to create a greener, thriving countryside that can act as a balm and inspiration to its inhabitants and visitors. If the area is designated as a National Park, there'll be some great opportunities to increase wildlife for everyone to enjoy and I intend to make sure these are fully exploited!

Catherine Moncrieff



I've recently moved to the Chilterns and I'm loving getting to know this special landscape. My professional life is centred around water and I hope to

use this experience to help protect the precious chalk streams of the Chilterns. I work at CDP, an NGO which encourages companies and their investors to take more responsibility for the water they use. Previously I worked at WWF in a number of roles, most recently advocating better management of land and rivers in the UK.

When I'm not working, I spend time exploring nature with my children, on my bike or in my wellies... and sometimes from a kayak! My hope for the Chilterns is that it avoids intense development and becomes a model for sustainable living and working, where nature is enhanced.

Lisbet Sherlock



I joined as a trustee at the end of 2019. I've been a member of the Society for many years and have lived in the Chilterns since 1998, walking daily in the hills around Chalfont St Peter.

I work full time at Cisco (a company which encourages its employees to get involved in volunteering) and bring research, marketing and communications experience to the Society's board. I joined because I love the fresh air and natural beauty of the Chilterns, and want to make sure that its special character and heritage are looked after sustainably for all those residents and visitors who love the area - both now and in the future.