

Chairman

Doctor Cheryle Berry taught for 30 years in secondary schools including 15 years as head in Lincolnshire and Sheffield at a mixed comprehensive with 2,000 students. Then she moved into Local Government: Director of Education in Middlesbrough then Lincolnshire.

Pre retirement, she founded the "School Aid Network", a response to the tsunami crisis, raising £1.4 million, working with Schools throughout the UK, helping grassroots social enterprise across the globe. She has visited Bangladesh to offer practical aid.

Cheryle is very active in retirement: besides chairing School Aid and the Board of Governors of the Community Bank, she is also trustee or officer for Children's Links, the Carers' Federation, the Sir Joseph Banks Society, Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services & the Association of School Governing Bodies.

Cheryle Also runs Marathons: New York & London (8 times)!!

Governors & associates:

Tim Barker has spent over 25 years working as the local area manager for a major multi-national organisation that offers support to people from cradle to grave, and beyond. At least that's one way of describing a vicar's role in the Church of England. Vicar of Spalding for ten years and now also District Dean for the Church of England in South Holland, Tim spent over 40 years in Cheshire, but now enjoys the fascinating variety of life in the Lincolnshire Fens. He escapes from Spalding from time to time for responsibilities across the whole Diocese of Lincoln and at Lincoln Cathedral. As the Christian church remains one of the largest voluntary organisations in the country, Tim thinks it's important that its members play their full part in the wider community networks.

Paula Baumber was born and bred in Lincolnshire, leaving the county at 18 for the 'bright lights' of the University of Birmingham to study Geography. For the last 18 years she has worked in the Banking sector (Abbey, Bank of England & Barclays) involved with governance, internal audit and risk management - currently as Head of Operational Risk at Barclaycard.

Along the way she completed an MBA at City University Business School and made Milton Keynes her adopted home - handy for London, where work often takes her.

Paula wants to give something back to the community and put to good use the skills and knowledge gained in her banking career. What better way to play an active role in Lincolnshire than being a Governor of the Community Bank?

Barrie Billingham has been involved with environmental concerns for the last 10 years, initially as Recycling Officer for Lincoln City Council where he helped improve recycling rates from 10% to nearly 50%. There was lots of public interface: workshops, meetings and awareness raising campaigns – local residents with vigorous views took fairly diplomatic handling!

From 2006 to 2008, Barrie managed the Big Lottery funded “Community Recycling & Economic Development” programme, diverting over 150,000 tonnes of waste away from landfill, improving more than 200 local communities.

His interests include the local environmental Trust, cricket, photography and glass art (Mrs Billingham’s business).

Phil Cavalier-Lumley left school at 16 to start a 4 year engineering apprenticeship. At 18 years, to top up his earnings, he took a part time bar job in a night club, which led to a full-time career in the nightclub industry. By the age of 20 he was an assistant manager and, within 4 years, General Manager, working for one of the biggest leisure groups in the UK.

At the same time he was invited to join the Junior Chamber of Commerce and, shortly after, the Prince’s Trust “business mentoring programme”. This involvement, outside normal work, gave him a great deal of fulfilment – for the first time he was making a real difference to other people’s lives.

Stephen Cousins has experienced poverty and need from his gap year onwards, visiting Papua - New Guinea, and later even less advanced Countries.

He worked for 37 years (the last 21 based in Lincolnshire) mainly in recycling and industrial packaging, both private and public companies, the last 26 years as MD, taking early retirement in 2008.

At the same time he has been involved with trade bodies and charitable work, including the Institute of Directors and as a school governor. His philosophy is to promote self-help and sustainability. He may be (falsely) labelled as “parsimonious” when, in reality, he is a pragmatist.

Alan Daniels has had a long teaching career in Yorkshire comprehensives, adult learning and, finally, Education Authorities in Oxford and Lincoln. His involvement continues as a school governor and a YMCA trustee.

Becoming a 24/7 adult placement carer, led to immersion in learning difficulty and mental health issues, volunteering for the NHS Trust and community organisations like Rethink.

Alan also gets involved in community development with local centres and forums and in crime reduction through Neighbourhood Watch and “Crimestoppers”.

His interests include music, dog-walking, pigeons and cats.

Alison Healey. Born and brought up in farming in Sussex, the lure of digging holes in the ground (called archaeology) soon won out over the prospect of a lifetime spent teaching modern languages to reluctant students. When reality (and the need to earn a proper living) kicked in, Alison found her niche in rural development work in Sussex and Hertfordshire, and then a big step into the world of business, joining the Board of Anglian Water. Since moving to Lincolnshire over 20 years ago her career has taken a few twists and turns, ultimately leading to the NHS, serving in a non executive capacity for the last 10 years.

A lifelong love of horses, both riding and breeding them, has kept her poor, but she has the (mostly uncomplaining) support of her husband.

She feels that her adopted County has been good to her: now is the time to return the favour.

Paul Jackson. After education (plus fagging and beating!) at a minor public school he joined the family firm of farmers and fruit & potato merchants.

24 years later, having helped expand the company in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, he started his own potato business in Firsby, purchasing an old railway station along the way. At 60 and after 25 years of graft, Paul's son has taken the company – the plan was that Paul could devote himself to golf, tennis, squash, shooting, gardening, Rotary and the 41 Club. Then in his own words "I met this copper, Gary Brown".

Sergeant Brown had a vision, the "Knight School", socialising "kids". Paul was enthused and, as a result, started yet another career, this time in the world of volunteering. The golf course will have to wait!

Bernadette Jones. Born and raised in North Yorkshire, leaving school with a cry of joy at 18 to undertake various working experiences: Office Manager for Ladbrokes, helping in her mother's antiques business and as a Ground Hostess for British Midlands Airways – before embarking on marriage and children.

Her later Civil Service career lasted 23 years until retirement in 2008. Her various roles and projects included helping people into work (with the Lincoln Job Centre), ensuring they remained in prison for the required time (HMP Lincoln), paid their road tax (Lincoln DVLA) and that they could cope with emergencies (Easingwold "Emergency Planning College").

Early severance has given her the chance to "breathe" before tackling fresh challenges – this will include continuing with the many community contacts she has developed over the years in her adopted home of Lincolnshire.

Paul Scott. From a technical and business management base (gas turbine manufacture), Paul has moved closer to the 3rd sector, now offering support and finance to emerging social enterprises (and mainstream commerce). He enjoys a huge variety of contacts and products, being involved with businesses and charities all over North Lincolnshire, especially in the Grimsby area.

Besides the day job, Paul is involved with heritage, education and general charitable works in and around East Lindsey and was a pro genitor of the Sir Joseph Banks Society and its historic HQ in Horncastle.

In the rest of his spare time (!) he sponsors and facilitates (driver and cheap labour) his son's equestrian activities.

Jody Tableporter challenged and worked non-stop in her 20's and 30's – the corporate life and climb. Rounding on 40 and with a late start to motherhood, she was not just juggling nappies and jobs, but also jobs and values. Out was banking and opportunistic investing; in was City regeneration and advancing economic, art and community ventures. Luckily, the skill set transferred well. She has recently switched from a "morning, noon and night" regeneration management position into a "portfolio" lifestyle. In 2008 working with a large, employee-owned engineering construction firm, providing assistance on what

they call the “softer side” (basically, anything other than engineering) and gearing up for the launch of an economic advisory service. Putting something back into her adopted community of Lincolnshire also ranked high, hence her involvement with the Community Bank.

Staff:

Gordon Hunter. In his youth, a callow money grubber, working in power stations and industrial relations. By 1988, he was disillusioned with reckless hedonism and opted into charitable work which he found fulfilling and fun. By 2006 he had caught up with the salary he “earned” at the height of those selfless Thatcher years.

Now he is a grizzled and cynical veteran of charitable work (or, in current jargon, “public service delivery by the 3rd sector”). He is a poacher (bidder for funds) turned gamekeeper (dispenser of funds) working for the County’s leading independent grant maker, distributing over £1 million a year.

Ian Pepperdine. Unimpressed and unfulfilled by education, he became a workaholic from 15 years old. Self employed at 20, satisfied but bored by 35, he sought a more meaningful existence through volunteering in the evenings. This evolved into a more vocational approach to working life, transcending the pursuit of mammon.

Since the mid 1990’s he has worked in the professional voluntary sector (now called the 3rd sector) starting as a “hands on” supporter of people experiencing severe mental distress and then on to managing projects and people working in diverse areas of social care. He is now looking to contribute to making Lincolnshire a better place for all “Yellerbellies” who need a bit of support to change their own lives.

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