

We have had two nominations for Board Members elected from the members.

Rob Gillies



I have lived in Chippenham for over 8 years and been a member and supporter of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust since moving to Wiltshire. I'm committed to the aims and aspirations of the Wildlife Trust movement, particularly in making wild places accessible to all and preserving biodiversity. I believe that community-funded renewable energy schemes such as those managed by WWCE have a pivotal role to play in three key ways:

- Contributing to a sustainable low-carbon energy future;
- Delivering an attractive and fair return for investors; and
- Providing benefits to strengthen the local communities in which they operate.

I currently work in a strategy role for the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). NERC is the UK Government's main funder of environmental science and as such I have a good awareness of the issues and challenges surrounding climate change and sustainable energy. I'm a great believer in communities coming together to help to solve these challenges and I would like to continue to play a proactive part in helping WWCE to continue to play a leading role in this movement.

During my time serving as a NED for WWCE I have been particularly focused on the land management aspects of the groups objectives. I would very much like to continue to work with other members of the Board, with Members and with our partners to maximize the biodiversity of the sites we manage and protect and encourage wildlife through our stewardship of the land on which the solar panels sit.

Lesley Bennett



I have been a director and chair of WWCE for the last 4 years and now seek re-selection as a member representative. My previous experience as a Trustee of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, as a Councillor in Wiltshire and as a non-executive director of Wessex Water, the Great Western Hospital as well as various voluntary organisations has established my interest in working for the improvement of life in Wiltshire. I have also been a member of the Environment Agency's Area and Regional support committees and as the Chair of the Agenda 21 Committee in NWDC have a long established concern to improve sustainable living.

I hope to be able to continue work to help WWCE provide good returns to its members and to help more us all to contribute to improving our environmental wellbeing.