



Interim Board of Directors

Andrew Foster – Chair

I was Chair of the Parish Council when the Affordable Housing project started as a Parish Council working group. I had a 45-year career in the industrial chemicals sector as Managing Director of various distribution companies. I am an experienced negotiator who travelled widely in Europe, North America and the Far East before settling in Thorverton in 2013.

Roger Cashmore

Following education at Hele's Grammar and the Royal Navy, I developed early electronic computing systems across Europe based out of London and Ivrea Italy, then building similar businesses across Sub Saharan Africa and the Middle East. A return to the UK focussed on strategic security and the built environment working for UK and foreign Governments. I consulted to global blue-chip corporations, majoring on cross border fibre optic comms, data centres etc and the Oil and Energy sectors, in Europe and USA. Finally back home, I worked as a business consultant for SMEs and councils

Steve Rendell

Half my career was spent in a private multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy designing and supervising irrigation, drainage and river engineering in the UK and overseas. The second half was in the Environment Agency managing the appraisal, design and construction of mostly river flood defence projects.

Jim Roberts

I am Parish clerk for Thorverton. I've also worked in administration for Debenhams and Royal Mail and been self-employed for 23 years. I moved to Thorverton in 2023.

Andrew Saunders

I have practised as an Architect in Devon for over 40 years, being responsible for the design of many schemes in both the private and social housing sectors. I am a resident of Thorverton.

Noel Tancock

I am the owner of a logistics company and have spent the last three years project managing building a business park in Willand. I am a resident of Thorverton.

Bry Uglow

My career was as a registered Nurse and then in the leisure industry. After living here for a short while I became a Parish Councillor. I am now the Parish Council Board member on TCLT. I have no previous work history in this field but I have two children and three stepchildren and have watched as their opportunities to live here became less and less. They now have lives elsewhere. I eagerly joined the PC affordable housing working group to see if we could come up with a local solution for local people.

Andrew Wiles

My career was in a range of jobs in the affordable housing world - managing it, developing it, funding it, regulating it, and being a Board member of two housing associations. While living in Bramford Speke I was very involved in the two-parish CLT there, including the successful development of seven affordable homes in Upton Pyne.

Jan Wills

After graduating as a Town and Country Planner I started my career in the late 1980s at the Rural Housing Trust, which established locally managed housing associations to build affordable homes. During the next 25 years I worked for a number of Government Agencies where we aimed to alleviate deprivation using public funds and land to enable partnerships between local communities and housebuilders to deliver large-scale regeneration projects.

In 2016 I re-established Berry Dairy General Stores and thoroughly enjoyed being a shopkeeper in Thorverton before selling it as a growing business.

In attendance at Board Meetings:

Geoff Pook – Consultant, Chartered Civil Engineer

After working overseas, I set up a UK based water engineering consultancy which I sold in 1999. I then turned to property development, a business in which I am still involved. In 2011, I was elected as an East Devon councillor and became involved in community led affordable housing, setting up Beer CLT which has developed and owns 13 affordable houses allocated to local residents. In 2020, I became an accredited community led housing advisor, the role I am now undertaking with TCLT.

Helen Ratcliffe – Minute-taker

I have worked in a number of different roles in a wide range of sectors, including industry (pharmaceutical and motor), the arts (predominantly theatre) and higher education. I've been a statistician, market researcher, administrator, project manager, business analyst, senior manager and, now that I am retired, post office counter clerk here in Thorverton, nanny and even ski instructor!