



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership

Trustee Biographies 2018/19

<p>Stuart Warrener (Chair)</p>	<p>Trustee</p>	<p>President of The Walt Disney Company Europe, Middle East and North Africa. (Now retired from this role and a pensions advisor and board member of a number of multinational companies).</p> <p>Stuart has considerable experience in general leadership and management. He has an excellent understanding of business and finance. He brings significant experience to the Trust in all aspect of business leadership and leadership in general.</p>
<p>Andrew Sinden (Vice Chair)</p>	<p>Trustee (DBE)</p>	<p>Sun Chemical UK – Accountant and HR Manager, also Trustee of company pension scheme. (Retired)</p> <p>Andrew brings experience of financial management to the Trust. He is a qualified accountant and holds a number of qualifications in relation to HR.</p>
<p>Bob Arnold</p>	<p>Trustee</p>	<p>Bob is a retired special school Headteacher and also a qualified OFSTED inspector. He brings an understanding of educational matters to the Trust, as well as insightful guidance on compliance and inspection regimes.</p> <p>As an ex-special school Headteacher, Bob is also supporting the Trust’s work with Critchill Special School, who hope to join the MSNP in 2019.</p>
<p>Sarah Baldwin</p>	<p>Trustee</p>	<p>Lyons Bowe – Associate Solicitor.</p> <p>Sarah was a leading corporate property lawyer in London and has recently returned to work with Lyons Bowe. Her experience is in property matters, governance, company law, compliance and employment.</p>
<p>Chris Brace</p>	<p>Trustee (DBE)</p>	<p>University of Bath – Professor of Automotive Propulsion.</p> <p>Chris has 17 years of experience in teaching as a university academic, in posts ranging from lecturer to professor. He has over 20 years as a chartered engineer, having practised in industry and university settings. Chris is also a fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and have previously chaired the Automobile Division of the Institution.</p> <p>This academic and higher education background results in an excellent perspective on the importance of STEM subjects in schools and the crucial need to inspire children to take an interest in science and mathematics at an early age.</p>

		Chris brings a Higher Education perspective to the Trust, but also is an accomplished leader and manager. He is expert in change management, having led significant change at the University of Bath. Chris has also won a number of contracts for the university automotive engineering division.
Gareth Griffith	Trustee (DBE)	Gareth is an experienced Headteacher in the primary sector. He brings 15 years of experience of leadership in the primary phase. He is an outstanding leader and teacher and has led his school to an outstanding judgement. He is a diocesan appointment and is charged with preserving the Christian distinctiveness of church schools in the Trust.
Simon Mills	Trustee (DBE)	Eyeteq Group – Managing Director. Simon runs a large local business of opticians and IT consultancy. He is a start-up expert and has run a number of companies successfully for many years. His business employs 60 or so staff and he brings a local business perspective to the Trust. Simon has been a school governor in the past and understands education IT exceptionally well. Simon is also a GDPR expert.
Alun Williams	Trustee	Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership – CEO Currently CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership, OFSTED trained and 10 years of experience as a Headteacher with 15 years of experience as a senior leader in schools. This knowledge across all phases, means Alun has an excellent understanding about leadership structures and systems, which leads to first rate schools and education for young people.
Sharon Wiseman	Trustee	Open University – Senior Faculty Manager. Sharon is an experienced leader in the Higher Education phase. She has also been a governor in the past and has experience of chairing a wide range of groups both within and outside of the education setting. Sharon brings experience in governance and compliance within the education setting as well as knowledge of Higher Education.