

Transition Tynedale Limited
Annual General Meeting 23 March 2023

Candidates for election

Jan Ashdown – standing as Director

Standing as a Transition Tynedale director as someone admiring of and keen to support its current projects; especially interested in developing and promoting a realisable vision for renewable energy projects in Hexham, alongside Hexham Town Council.

Former development consultant with a very varied range of experience working in Ireland north and south, as an innovator, screenplay writer, academic and business entrepreneur; considerable experience of researching, fund-raising, reporting, writing, assessing, project management.

Professional career as lecturer and writer, plus voluntary work for film in N.Ireland; moved back to Northumberland, 1994; considerable voluntary input in Tasset, including promoting renewable energy schemes, setting up sustainability CIC, and a local study and recording group, running village hall etc - while breeding Shetland sheep

Currently living in Hexham, since 2017: vice chair, board of Community Action Northumberland (CAN), caretaker chair of its Finance & GP committee; director, Tasset 2050 CIC; steering group of Hydro Neighbourhood Group, now member of HNG liaison group with QEHS.

Lowri Potts – standing as Director

Lowri's professional background is in television and film production, journalism, training, and administration throughout the UK. She has also worked widely in the voluntary sector in Scotland, founding gardening, reading and creative writing clubs for children in Glasgow – and was the first regional administrator for the Scottish branch of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Lottery and Lost in a Book are her plays for performance to families in libraries celebrating literacy and reading. She has qualified as a relational dynamics coach and from 2002 - 2017 was employed as a business adviser for the Cultural Enterprise Office in Glasgow, helping creative practitioners sustain their businesses and launch their projects. In 2017 she and her musician husband moved back to the North East of England where they first met.

Jane Brantom – standing as Director

Jane's been a TT volunteer for many years and a director since 2021. Her background is in tourism and heritage development and her heart is in doing this in ways that benefit local people and the environment, in innovative and creative ways wherever possible.

Jane has lived locally since 1991 when she managed and developed the North Pennines Tourism Partnership, followed by the Hadrian's Wall Tourism Partnership. Experience includes managing complex projects and relationships at senior and local level, fund raising, business advice, marketing. As a freelance consultant since 2006 she worked on many UK and international projects with UNESCO and other partners before 'retiring' in 2018. She has been a board member of the

Northumberland National Park's Sustainable Development Fund, Action for Market Towns and Hexham's own Theatres Sans Frontières. She leads local Walks to Wellbeing, has been very active with Tynedale Community Choir and dabbles in other music and outdoor activities.

With TT, Jane set up the car club, pulled the Edible 'Buzz' brochure together, has organised stalls, displays and got her hands dirty many times with Community Garden, Edible and Space for Nature.

Sarah Hallberg – standing as Treasurer

Professional career as Pensions Transfer Value Analysis Advisor before moving to Northumberland in 2007, since then not been formally employed but has performed many voluntary roles/functions for various community groups (including Treasurer and Secretarial roles).

Former roles: Treasurer, The Heritage Centre at Bellingham; secretary, Tarsset Village Hall

Current roles: Secretary for the West Northumberland Community Buildings Consortium (WNCBC); Company Secretary and treasurer, Tarsset 2050 CIC (which provides accounting and banking facilities for multiple community groups as part of its remit); treasurer, North Tyne Women's Institute; treasurer, Tarsset Archive Group; editor, monthly Parish Newsletter (Meeting of the Waters) ; and what is laughingly referred to as 'correspondent' for the weekly Upper North Tyne Village Notes in the Hexham Courant, plus the backup page for the notes on the Tarsset community website

Stuart Page – standing as Secretary

I am a current Transition Tynedale Limited Director, although at this AGM I'm stepping down after 6 years in the role. I've also been Company Secretary for TT for the past 3 years. Outside of TT, I am a trustee of Blue Spirit, a charity that provides sailing opportunities for young people with mental health challenges. I live in Hexham, and am employed part-time as an environmental regulator.