



Walton Multi-Academy Trustees:

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES - Ben Rowell.



Married with four children and two grandsons.

I've been a School Governor for over 20 years, including the last 10 years as Chair at Walton High School. I have a real passion for the School where I was once a student myself and where my younger two children went too. I work as a Bank Manager in a big busy branch. My 40 years in banking has given me lots of useful experiences to bring to the Governor role.

Away from work, I love to be involved with sport with all of the social life and friendships it brings. In particular I like to keep active, and I still play football as well as doing a lot of running. I've run 14 marathons and countless half marathons.

TRUSTEE - PROFESSOR ROY NEWTON

Graduating in 1969 in Computer Science his career of over 40 years has been spent in the Education sector. He gained his Masters in 1972 and his Doctorate in 1981 and has been awarded a Professorship in two U.K. Universities. In addition to his role at Walton he has undertaken Governorships in both the Further and Higher Education Sectors.

He has held senior posts in the University Sector, where he has taken Executive responsibility for Strategic Planning, Resources and Strategic Project Management and for the use of Technology in support of Learning and Teaching.

He has chaired and been involved in many National and International initiatives and committees and has undertaken Examinerships and quality assurance Accreditations and Validations in over 50 Universities Worldwide.

Sport and Recreation are major interests of Professor Newton's. He has held Officer posts on Sport Stafford Borough (The local Sports Council) for a number of years and has coached endurance Athletics to International level.

TRUSTEE – STEPHEN HARRIS

Stephen has been a School Governor since 1992. He has been a Governor of Walton High School since 1996. During that time he has been Chair of the Finance Committee for 11 years.

Stephen is a Consultant Pathologist at Stafford and Stoke on Trent National Health Trust since 1989. Formerly he was the Deputy Medical Director and Responsible Officer.

All of his three children have attended Walton High School and have progressed through higher education.

Stephen enjoys playing tennis, hockey and cycling. He also enjoys foreign travel.

TRUSTEE – PHILIP RADBURN

School Governor at Walton High School since May 1988. Vice Chairman for many of those years and formerly Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Three children who attended Walton High School.

Trained as an accountant, and in 1973 launched a Local Newspaper Company initially in Wolverhampton. This grew with the launch of other newspapers [including the Stafford Post] and acquisitions all over the country becoming one of the top three regional newspaper groups in the country. Eventually became a PLC and subsequently sold to an American Publisher.

Retired in 2006 but continue to be a Trustee of the Company Pension Scheme.

TRUSTEE – NEIL FINLAY BA (HONS)

Headteacher at Walton High School for 9 years. Previously Deputy Headteacher at a large comprehensive school in Birmingham for 6 years. Local Leader in Education, supporting a number of schools in Staffordshire and Cheshire. Married with two children. Hobbies: all sports, particularly cricket and golf.