Trustee Annual Review 2025/26

Name: Doug Gillard

Trustee Since: 2017

Trust Roles: Community Working Group Lead / Community and Advocacy Working Group Lead

Summary of Contributions for 25/26

As I come to the end of my final year as a Trustee, I look back with pride on my contribution to the Trust, particularly in community engagement, partnerships and strengthening our connections with local organisations.

During the year, I led the Community Working Group and helped develop it into the Community and Advocacy Working Group, creating a clearer structure to support future activities and partnerships.

A key achievement was working with Exeter Community Initiatives to develop a new Memorandum of Understanding, strengthening our relationship and shared commitment to supporting the local community.

I also worked alongside Peter Ferlie to strengthen relationships with our charity partners, improving communication, encouraging collaboration and identifying opportunities to support their valuable work.

With this being my final year, succession and continuity were particularly important. I worked closely with Debbie Marrable to share knowledge, contacts and experience, helping ensure our community activities and partnerships continue after I leave the Board.

Although not everything we hoped to achieve has been completed, I am proud of the progress made in bringing people and organisations together and strengthening the Trust's role within the wider community.

I leave confident that the foundations we have established will allow this important work to continue developing, benefiting both the Trust and the communities we serve.