



Eden Valley Museum Trust

Registered Charity 10655466

Members standing for election to serve on the Executive Committee for 2024-2025

Chair & Trustee **ALAN SMART OBE**

I would like to stand for the position of Chairman and Trustee of the EVMT, subject to members agreement. I would hope to bring to the role strong management skills, particularly in communications and people management, but with an ability to be hands on and involved as a volunteer. Over many years of experience in challenging environments overseas I have extensive experience in crisis management, conflict resolution and strategic thinking. I also have a genuine passion for the history and wellbeing of our communities in the Eden Valley.

Hon. Treasurer & Trustee **JOAN VARLEY**

I have been involved with the museum for approx. 20 years, initially as a staff member and for the last 15 years as a volunteer fulfilling various roles. Since October 2023 I have been managing the admin and accounts for the museum as Hon. Secretary and Acting Hon. Treasurer. I feel my experience over the last few months will be best used, going forward, as Hon. Treasurer.

Hon. Secretary & Trustee **JEAN FRENCH**

I have been involved with the museum since about 2018 initially scanning and cataloguing the Roy Coles photographic collection. I am a retired schoolteacher so was asked if I would run some holiday activities for children which I have done for the last 18 months with the help of Richard and Julie Johnson. The activities have been associated with leather, mosaics, weaving and the Mr Men. I am a member of the curatorial team and was involved in the recent dismantling and reassembling of displays around the woodworm treatment! We have done outreach activities and talks with the guides, Roman Court and the Well Being Centre at the Edenbridge Memorial Centre. A program of activities is in place for the summer half term and the summer holidays this year. I also steward 2 or 3 times each month.

Member **JULIE JOHNSON** (Membership Secretary)

Member **RICHARD JOHNSON** (Member & Trustee)

I continue to organise the stewards' rota which can be challenging and quite often myself and Julie will regularly steward to help fill the inevitable gaps if we can. I assist at members events and where I can I assist with the children's activities. I also help with most things such as general maintenance, exhibitions and the like.

Member **ALAN LAYLAND** (Member & Trustee)

Member **RICHARD SEYMOUR** (Member & Trustee)

Richard has various ancestral connections to the Eden Valley and is actively involved in historical research. His History of Brasted Place was published in 2022 by the Brasted Society and he is currently working on a publication related to the war memorials. As a barrister he specialised in professional negligence and building and construction work, became Q.C. in 1991 and appointed Senior Circuit Judge of the Technology and Construction Court in 2000. In 2005 he moved to sit as a Judge of the High Court in the Queen's Bench Division in the Royal Courts of Justice. He retired in 2015. Richard has a variety of volunteering experience, most recently at the Combined Military Services Museum in Maldon, Essex where he assisted with various policies and their re-accreditation. He is currently a director of West Kent Mediation.