

Profiles of Grangefield School Governors

Colin Peacy (Chair of Governors LEA)

Colin is Chair of Governors and also a member of the finance, curriculum and community committees. He was appointed a parent governor when the school opened in Sept 2000 and became a Local Authority governor in Sept 2012. Colin's family have always lived in Bishops Cleeve. His wife, Alison, is a primary school teacher and his two children attend Cleeve School, both having been pupils at Grangefield School. Colin graduated from Plymouth with a degree in Environmental Science, trained with Hazelwoods and is the financial controller for Cotswold Collections Ltd, a Cheltenham based mail order company.



Simon Edwards (Vice Chairman, Parent Governor)

Simon has been on the governing body for the last five years, he has been Vice Chair for three of those years and recently stood down from chairmanship of the Curriculum & Standards committee. He sits on the Community and Curriculum & Standards committees as well as taking an active part in school events. Away from school, he is a lighting cameraman and director of photography and has over the years worked on many projects from feature films and commercials to childrens TV. He also occasionally works at Gloucestershire College with their film and TV students and is working towards a teaching qualification in his spare time.



Allie Lack (Staff Governor)

Allie has been a Teaching Assistant at Grangefield School for 9 years and a mid-day supervisor for 7. Whist currently supporting the year 4 class, Allie has previously worked in most year groups across key stage 1 and 2. Both Allie's children attended Grangefield and have now moved on to Cleeve School.



Andrew Moss (Parent Governor)

Andrew has been a parent governor for one year, and is also a member of the School Finance and Resources Committee. Andrew lives in Cleeve and has two children, one currently at Grangefield (Year 6) and one at Cleeve Secondary School (Year 8). Andrew grew up in Lancashire; attending University in Hull, before moving to Cheltenham in 1994, and then qualifying as an accountant. Andrew spent 20 years working in the finance profession. Since 2010 he has run his own accountancy business. Andrew has been involved with the school for a number of years, helping out when he can, particularly with the school football team. He also runs a local children's football team at Cleeve Colts. Andrew believes that sport at school, no matter what the sport or what level it is played, should play a big part in a child's development.



Ian Fletcher (Parent Governor)

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Lorraine Cooper (Parent Governor)

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Geoffrey Rowe (LEA Governor)

Geoffrey has been Chief Executive of the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham for the last seven years. Previously he has worked for Welsh National Opera; the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield and Granada Television. He lives in Pittville, Cheltenham and has three children and three grandchildren.



Alan Cornish (Community Governor)

Alan has been a Community Governor since 2004 and has lived locally in Woodmancote since moving from Newport (South Wales) in 1999. Alan and his wife have two adult children and three grandchildren aged 13, 9 and 5. A Banker by profession, Alan's career took him from his native Devon to Somerset then to Cardiff and Newport where he retired as Human Resources Director for Wales for his Bank. Following retirement Alan worked at a Doctors Practice in Cardiff, managing a fund holding budget of some £2m as well as assisting a firm of Estate Agents on the financial side. After moving to Woodmancote Alan took on the position of Clerk to the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council and continued in this role for five years. Alan is also involved with a local Rotary Club raising money for local and international charities and he and his wife enjoy walking and going on holiday.



Philip (Phil) Johnson (Community Governor)

Phil is a resident of Prestbury, married, with three sons and three grandsons, and has served as a Community Governor for twelve years. Professionally a Chartered Town Planner who has worked for a number of authorities throughout the country, ending as Director of Planning for Northumberland. On moving to Cheltenham in 1994 Phil became a lecturer in the Environment Department at the University of Gloucestershire. Phil is now retired enjoying walking, theatre, travel and family.



John W. Coopey MBE (Community Governor)

John was born in the City of Gloucester and is a Freeman of the City. Educated at Cheltenham Grammar School, he left to join the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a Cadet. John served in the RAF during his National Service and on being de-mobilised returned to the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a Constable. John served the force for 33 years rising to the rank of Superintendent and retired in 1987. John then entered the Coroner's service as a Coroner's Officer and was responsible for the Cheltenham District which covered Tewkesbury, Stow on the Wold, Cirencester, Stroud and Stonehouse. Whilst there he set up the Coroner's Officers Association for England and Wales to standardise the training of Officers and provide a progressive Training programme. This has resulted in there now being a University Course in Coronerial Investigations at Teesside University and this resulted in him being given the MBE. John retired in 1999 but is still involved with the Association being its national President. John is married and has three daughters with seven grandchildren. He is also a governor at a local school and regularly assists with driving the disabled and special needs children in the Cheltenham Area. John is also a Rotarian having been in the organisation for some 30 years.

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