

Meet our Trustees



David Margetts - Chairman

Based in Mid Devon, David has been a Trustee since 2015. His professional background is in the HR and pensions industry, which included working in South Africa for 9 years. David joined Citizens Advice as an adviser and was based in the Tiverton and Crediton offices from 2012 after relocating from Surrey. He joined the Trustee Board for an interesting and rewarding change.



Dianne Nicholson

Diane is based in Torrington and retired in 2010 as Head teacher of Great Torrington Community School. Diane's interest in our Trustee Board came from her desire to feel useful in a service that interests her.



Peter Stafford

Peter is based in Samford Peverell in Mid Devon and has a strong background in Information Technology. He spent 34 years in the industry as an IT Director for a couple of Building Societies and high street retailers. Now, semi-retired, Peter does some project and IT consultancy. Peter feels the CAB makes a big difference to people's lives when they most need help and empathises with the CAB aims and principles- which led him to join our Trustee Board.



Janet George

Janet is based in Tavistock. She spent much of her career in HR in large organisations in the IT and pharmaceutical industries. She specialised in leadership and management development for twenty-five years, spending the last ten as a self-employed consultant working in private and public sector organisations. She joined the Trustee Board of Citizens Advice as she's keen to contribute to an organisation that provides a much needed service to people in Devon.



Chris Perry

Retired and now based in Torrige, Chris' professional background is as a Chartered Accountant (ICAEW), working across many sectors both in the UK and overseas. Initially with Coopers & Lybrand (now PWC) London, then later in his own management consultancy business, covering corporate restructuring, improving business efficiencies, management and senior executive development. As a contrast he founded a garden and landscape design company, a classical small business setup. With his financial background, broad business experience and acumen he provides a different perspective and contribution to the development of a very important and deserving charity.



Sally Carruthers

Sally was born in Chudleigh, then started her working life in South Africa. She returned to Britain in her mid 20's and embarked on a long and enjoyable career in the John Lewis Partnership . She also worked for several years in the Scottish Government . In more recent years she has worked part time as a self-employed consultant in areas such as sustainable growth strategy, employee ownership and engagement , and democratic governance. Sally lives on the outskirts of a small village between Torrington and Barnstaple.



Karen Percival

Karen is based in Okehampton (West Devon) and has been a keen follower of Citizens Advice since first using the service in 1994. Karen works full time in the local charity sector and is very interested in supporting the local Citizens Advice offices and the wider service as it develops to meet the current ever-changing needs of its clients.



Marilyn Nicholson

Marilyn recently moved to Parkham, near Bideford to be near her daughter and family. She comes from East Sussex where for many years she was involved as a Trustee with Citizens Advice 1066. Having worked in Local Government housing, Marilyn also became a JP and sat as a Family Magistrate, chairing the Pan Sussex Family Panel during the transition to the single Family Court. Since moving she has become Chair of Tarka Child Contact Centre.