

Bosavern Community Enterprises - Director Nominations 2024

The present Board is made up of:

- Alan Bancroft
- Dominic Goetz
- Elizabeth Hemphill
- Hannah Smith
- Holly Whitelaw
- Katie Kirk
- Laura Hodsdon
- Matthew Buckhurst.

Victoria Hole who joined the Board at the last AGM stood down during the year.

Our Society rules say at least a third of elected Board members must step down each year. Alan Bancroft, Katie Kirk and Holly Whitelaw are standing down this year, but Katie and Holly are putting themselves forward for re-election to the BCE Board.

Within the Society rules there is no limit to the number of Directors that can be elected to the Board.

Chief Development Officer / Director

Katie Kirk is currently employed as our Chief Development Officer. Within the Society rules (17.11) the society can have Directors that are also in paid roles, but only if the members approve. Katie is a strategic member of staff and has been a Director for the past two years. To minimise conflict of interests, Katie absents herself from meetings when there are decisions relating to her paid role. The funding for her post by a fellow Director has been openly declared (see Record of Governance Arrangements document).

Nominated Directors Personal Statements

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**Holly Whitelaw**

[Proposer: Alan Bancroft Seconded: Rob Pickering]

I have been involved with the farm for many years, mainly helping with events and more recently with Sustainable Farming Incentives.. I wrote [regenerativefoodandfarming.co.uk](http://regenerativefoodandfarming.co.uk) and do presentations and organise events around nature friendly farming. I am on the steering group of [sustainablefoodcornwall.org.uk](http://sustainablefoodcornwall.org.uk) and chair their Procurement Working group. I am a director also of Cornwall Climate Action Network, which I co-founded.

I live locally and have experience in running shops in St Just and Penzance. I have also gained experience of the general farming environment and fundraising through Gleaning Cornwall, which I set up and manage and am part of the Cornwall Food Access Alliance.

I continue to promote the need to eat food from healthy soils and the benefits of regen. farming to the international farming community, young farmers, in universities, colleges, schools, horticultural groups, small holders, health professionals, business, corporates, governments and consumers!

I also have experience with fundraising events for various appeals including Lafrowda Festival.

### **Katie Kirk**

[Proposer: Alan Bancroft Seconder: Rob Pickering]

I can offer skills in community development, communications, partnerships, organisation and funding as well as experience of third sector charity governance.

I grow my own Summer season salads and veg at home and years ago I worked across several Penwith broccoli farms as an undergraduate. I have an Environmental Science degree and worked for Friends of the Earth Parliamentary Unit as a graduate collaborating with MPs from all parties and grassroots activists to get new laws through Parliament.

Upon returning to Cornwall I assisted community groups with forming constitutions, undertaking community consultation events, forming partnerships and writing Objective One (EU) and match funding grant applications (Exchange Art Gallery, The Penwith Centre on Parade Street Penzance, Solomon Browne Memorial Hall, Chough's Café and the Centre of Pendeen among others). I was Trustee of Network Training in Penzance for ten years and I Chair the Hypatia Trust.

While raising two young children I began freelance work in the creative sector undertaking art, performance, writing, theatre, research and community consultation events. When our children completed Secondary school I joined Bosavern Community Farm employed first as a Project Lead on the award-winning Training & Work Experience Project and for the past two years have fulfilled the roles of Chief Development Officer and Chair of the Board.