



# THE BOARD OF THE FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Updated June 2019

**Capt. Paul Thomas**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Paul became Chief Executive and Harbour Master at Fowey Harbour in August 2012. Paul began his career at sea with the Royal Navy in 1981. During his 22 years of service he served in a variety of warships around the UK and overseas including periods of active service and peacekeeping. He commanded two HM ships, a minesweeper and a frigate, he completed his naval service working in the MOD. In 2004 Paul became a pilot in Fowey and Par and was also later authorised in Plymouth and Dartmouth. Paul served 15 years on the Fowey lifeboat crew and still keeps his own boat on the river.

**Will Mitchell**  
CHAIRMAN

Appointed to Board July 2010

4<sup>th</sup> term retires 2022



Will grew up in and still lives in Polruan. He went to sea qualifying for his Masters Certificate before gaining command experience in the North Sea. He served as Deputy Harbour Master in Fowey before transferring to the Port's Pilotage Service. Will has experience of operations in other harbours in the South West. He owns his own boat.

**Dave Baker**

Appointed to Board July 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> term retires 2020



Dave is a local businessman who has lived in the Fowey area for over 40 years. He has an extensive knowledge of business and accountancy procedures, also a broad perspective of environmental legislation within the working environment.

**Alex Lewis**

Appointed to Board May 2017

1<sup>st</sup> term re-appoint 2020



Alex is a solicitor and worked for a number of years in private practice before moving to the public sector where she developed an expertise in public rights of way law. In this capacity she has been a member of various advisory and stakeholder groups operating at a national level. She has been a leisure user of Fowey Harbour since the 1990s and, after retiring, Alex became an accredited Fowey Harbour Guide, reflecting her interest in the heritage of the area.

**Michael Bailey**

Appointed to Board Sept 2018

1<sup>st</sup> term re-appoint 2021



A Chartered Accountant with 30 years board-level financial & management leadership experience in SME/SQC's, including the strategic development as Group Finance Director of an acquisitive, customer focused, quoted construction group. Now a successful non-executive director and Chairman of a number of companies, some with global reach. Mike moved to Polruan in 2016, where his wife lived as a child, is a leisure boater and paddle boarder with both RYA PB2 and BWSW SBDA certificates.

**Tony Rumbelow**

Appointed to Board May 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> term re-selection 2021



Tony is a recently retired Engineer having spent the last 41 years in manufacturing. Following an engineering apprenticeship with Rolls Royce in Bristol, 12 years were spent in Mechanical R&D. The remaining years were spent with Honda in Swindon initially as an engineer and latterly as a manager in an environment where the commercial side of manufacturing was critical when making cars to sell in a very competitive European market. A love of sailing as an escape from factory life brought him to Fowey some 20 years ago and he has now settled in the area.

**Nick Gill**  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Appointed to Board May 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> term re-selection 2022



Nick is the Sales/Marketing Director of a Marine Software Company based in Lostwithiel. He has a strong understanding of Harbour and Marine operations, together with a broad knowledge of IT, marketing and social media. Nick lived in Fowey for over 15 years and served for 10 years on the Fowey lifeboat crew, he still keeps his own boat on the river.

**Marcus Lewis**

Appointed to Board May 2017

1<sup>st</sup> term re-appoint 2020



Marcus has his own Wooden Boatbuilding business, living and working in Fowey. He was a member of the Fowey Lifeboat Crew for 30 years, and has successfully raced a Troy Class Yacht around Fowey Harbour since 1984. Marcus has been involved in both the Fowey Gallants SC and the Royal Fowey YC, as well as POFROC, the Race organising Committee and organises the popular Lifejacket Clinic each spring, encouraging safety afloat.

**John Scullion**

Appointed to Board May 2018

1<sup>st</sup> term re-appoint 2021



John lives in Polruan. His background is in education and as an economist. He has strong connections with the Fowey area stretching back over many years and sailing in the area with his family is what gave him an interest in the harbour and its management. He is a qualified yachtmaster and safety boat operator.

**Henry Rowe**

Appointed to Board May 2019

1<sup>st</sup> term re-appoint 2022



On retirement in 2017, Henry became a permanent resident of Polruan having owned a property there for some years. He previously worked for Consulting Engineers specialising in the planning and design of port and harbour and shipyard developments throughout the world. Over the years, he has held UK and overseas Director positions as well as being a Director at Group level for a large European consultancy. He is keen sailor and owns a restored pre-1930s Mevagissey Tosher