



THE BOARD OF THE FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Updated May 2021

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

4th 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.

Nick Gill
VICE CHAIRMAN

Appointed to Board
May 2015

2nd 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.

Tony Rumbelow

Appointed to Board
May 2015

3rd term
retires
2024



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.

Marcus Lewis

Appointed to Board
May 2017

2nd term
re-selection
2023



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

2nd term
re-selection
2024



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.

Michael Bailey

Appointed to Board
Sept 2018

1st term
re-appoint
2022



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.

Henry Rowe

Appointed to Board
May 2019

1st 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

Andy Brigden

Appointed to Board
May 2020

1st term
re-appoint
2023



Andy has been involved with the ports industry since 1987 and has recently retired from Cornwall Council where he was the Maritime Manager responsible for all of the local authority owned ports and harbours in Cornwall. Prior to this he was at sea serving with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Natural Environment Research Council and Townsend Thoresen Car Ferries together with a period in the Royal Naval Reserve. Andy holds a Master Mariner (Class1) FG Certificate of Competency, a Post Graduate Diploma in Hydrographic Surveying, and a Diploma in Port Management (Distinction) and in 2018 was awarded an OBE for his services to the UK Ports and Maritime Industry.

Dr. David Farrar

Appointed to Board
Oct 2020

1st term
re-appoint
2023



David is a retired GP having been a partner in Carnewater Practice, Bodmin for 27 years. He has chaired a number of GP commissioning groups covering North Cornwall. He lives in Lanhydrock and has a keen interest in leisure boating, having had a mooring on the Fowey for over 20 years. Additionally, he has twice completed the Fowey triathlon.