

THE BOARD OF THE FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Nick Gill
CHAIRMAN

Appointed to Board
May 2015

4th term ends 2028



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.

John Scullion
VICE CHAIR

Appointed to Board
May 2018

3rd term retires 2027



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. Sailing in the area with his family is what sparked his interest in the harbour and its management. He is a qualified Yachtmaster and safety boat operator.

**Marcus
Lewis**

Appointed to Board
May 2017

3rd term retires 2026



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, the Royal Fowey YC, as well as POFROC, the race organising committee. He organises the popular lifejacket clinic each spring, encouraging safety afloat.

**Michael
Bailey**

Appointed to Board
Sept 2018

3rd term retires 2028



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. He is a leisure boater and paddle boarder with both RYA PB2 and BWSW SBDA certificates.

**Henry
Rowe**

Appointed to Board
May 2019

3rd term retires 2028



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, 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 a keen sailor and owns a restored pre-1930s Mevagissey Tosher.

**Andy
Brigden**

Appointed to Board
May 2020

2nd term re-selection 2026



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 Postgraduate Diploma in Hydrographic Surveying, and a Diploma in Port Management (Distinction). In 2018 was awarded an OBE for his services to the UK Ports and Maritime Industry.

**Dr. David
Farrar**

Appointed to Board
Oct 2020

2nd term re-selection 2026



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. He has twice completed the Fowey triathlon.

**Clair
Connibeer**

Appointed to Board
May 2024

1st term re-appoint 2027



Clair is a Golant girl, born and bred, she co-owns a paddle sports centre on the banks of the estuary called 'Encounter Cornwall'. She is an active senior BSUPA L2 SUP instructor and a Paddle UK L3 SUP coach. She spends her working days introducing clients to the beautiful Fowey Estuary coaching. Clair brings skills such as client liaison, networking, corporate engagement, safety management and SM marketing. She is passionate about working with juniors and when she's not working, you'll find her on the water, training for upcoming SUP racing events.

**Lisa
Solly**

Appointed to Board
May 2025

1st term re-appoint 2028



Lisa made Lostwithiel her home in 2000, after leaving New Zealand in 1988 with a degree in International Business and Tourism. Working at the Environment Agency and then the Local Planning Authority, which led her to become a Planning Consultant. Her skills lie in identifying and balancing key environmental, social and economic factors within development, working pragmatically with a diverse range of people to turn individual and community aspirations into a reality. As a Commissioner, her expertise will positively contribute to the local built and natural environment. Lisa is passionate about Cornwall and is an active outdoor person.

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.