



2024 Candidates for Election

Please find below the names and (optional) election address for candidates standing at this year’s AGM.

RE-ELECTION

(retired by rotation and offer themselves for re-election)

EMRHYS BARRELL

I joined the Trust in 1990, was made a Vice-President in 2008 and Trustee in 2012. As Press & Publicity Officer I have organised the opening and launch ceremonies for Flatford Lock, Stratford Lock, the Granary, John Constable and Maria Constable. Since 2012 I have been in charge of fund raising, during which time we have raised over £250,000 for lock restorations. As a qualified Naval Architect, I am responsible with the BOM for ensuring our boats comply with all safety and stability regulations. My company maintains our electric boats on a ‘no-fee’ basis. My dream is the re-opening of full navigation from Cattawade to Langham Flumes.

JANE ROGERS

NOMINATED FOR ELECTION

(nominated/co-opted and offer themselves for election)

ALAN RYAN

- Chairperson of the Dedham Vale Boating Group (DVB) with an aim to bring interested sections together to form a way forward for DVB boat operations each year, to try and sort out various demands from DVB volunteers and keep everyone informed on things that affect boat operations, such as low water levels and now the breach at Flatford.
- To liaise with those having an impact on what we want to achieve on the lower river, such as statutory bodies (NT, EA, Parish and District Councils) plus riparian owners.
- Part of the team working on the Dedham Lock project.

KEVIN TAYLOR

I have been a member of the Trust for 10 years playing an active role, which includes:

- Being a member of the DVB committee.
- Setting up, managing and delivering training to new boating volunteers in accordance with IWA assessment standard.
- Developing the business arrangements with the Talbooth, resulting in revenue increase from £1360 in 2014, to £6100 in 2023.
- Negotiated a complex and lengthy process for the Trust to acquire a 99-year lease on Dedham Lock.
- Leading on the delivery of the Dedham lock project, due to result in the lock gates replacement by end of September. The prevention of the lock island erosion to follow on. Together with the much-appreciated assistance from Steve Durham, Alan Ryan, Emrhys Barrell, Colin Daines and Mike Finch.

HILARY GALLO

I’m a skipper at Dedham Vale and joined the Trust in 2023. My wife refers to me as “one life, many boats”, since I’ve owned lots of boats as well as had many jobs. First a lawyer, then small business owner, commercial director, negotiator, consultant, writer, workshop facilitator and most recently, executive coach. I’m also a commercially endorsed Yachtmaster Offshore, dinghy and now yacht instructor. I live in Hadleigh and have agreed to take on the role as Treasurer. I look forward to getting to grips with the numbers.

RETIRED/RETIRING

(decided to retire, and we thank them for their contribution whilst serving as a Trustee)

RICHARD BLAY, MARGARET GARDNER