

Governor Profiles

Sue Owen

After a number of years as a primary school teacher in both Buckinghamshire and Somerset, I moved into the advisory and support service, became the primary mathematics adviser for Somerset and was part of the Local Authority school improvement team. This included Ofsted training and I inspected in schools across the country. Alongside this I completed a Masters degree in primary mathematics, tutored trainee teachers in Somerset for five years and was an external examiner for trainees for Bath Spa University.

When my grandson started at Brent Knoll school I was newly retired and I became a volunteer, enjoying being back in the school environment again. I was very pleased to be invited onto the Board of Governors as the LA representative. Since joining the Wessex Learning Academy I have become a co-opted governor. I continue to enjoy volunteering at the school as well as carrying out the governor role.

Rosemary Keele

I was born in Somerset and went to school in Somerset and Bristol. I studied Botany, Zoology and Geography at Portsmouth and went on to work in Health Education and Health Informatics working on electronic patient record development. In 2000, I gained an MSc. in Health Sciences as a mature student at the University of East Anglia.

My husband was a GP in Norfolk where we lived for 25 years before returning to Somerset 19 years ago. There I helped run a nature Watch Group for for 7 years catering for children aged 4 to 12. We have two grown up children and three grandsons, aged 13, 11 and 7 and a granddaughter aged 9 months.

My interests are natural history, walking, travel, cooking, pottery, art and sewing.

As a Foundation Governor I try to ensure that a Christian ethos is maintained in the school and also facilitate the liaison between the school and the wider community. I am involved in a number of village groups and projects. I enjoy working with the head teacher, staff and other governors to ensure the continuation and development of a happy and successful Church of England village school.

Helen Bond

I was born and grew up in Banbury, Oxfordshire, where I completed A'levels in Art, History and English. I moved to Somerset in 2001, originally coming to the area only to study a BA (Hons) in Textile Design. I met my husband whilst studying, we remained in this beautiful part of the country and have two boys at primary and secondary school.

After my degree, I spent 10 years working as a South West Regional Visual merchandisers for Laura Ashley, whilst also working in a pre-school, primary school and children's centre in the Bridgwater area. I make and sell soft furnishings, crafts and canvases in my spare time. For the last six years I have worked as a Teaching Assistant at Brent Knoll School, and as a staff

representative feel passionate and am very committed to supporting the school in achieving success in all areas.

Kim Wilcox

I was born and grew up in Kent and worked in London for 21 years for a high net worth Bank as a Project Manager. I moved to Worle in 2008, where my husband is from, and continued working in the Bank from the Bristol office.

We moved to Brent Knoll in 2010, and our son was born in 2011. After enjoying 2 ½ years at home with him I began working as the local Village Agent for Brent Knoll and surrounding villages. I love being part of the local community and providing a service to vulnerable and elderly people in need.

Our son started Brent Knoll school in September 2015 and is enjoying every day and feels very happy and at home in the surroundings. As a governor of the school I feel I can offer local knowledge and support and look forward to the opportunity to shape and contribute to the development of the school and my child's education.

Bev Gore

I was born in Sutton Coalfield but grew up in the Cotswolds. My maternal grandparents lived in Berrow and eventually the whole family moved to Berrow to help care for my grandmother. I moved to Brent Knoll with my husband, son and daughter in 1994 after having lived in several locations both in the UK and abroad, including Paris and the USA. I now have 5 grandchildren who live in Wales and Belgium. My main hobby is horse riding and dressage in particular.

I have a degree from the Open University in Technology and became a secondary school teacher after doing a PGCE at Bath Spa. I have taught Food and Textiles at Crispin School in Street and the King Alfred School, Highbridge, but have now retired. I am a firm believer in good quality education and am looking forward to supporting the staff and pupils at Brent Knoll Primary in any way I can.