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## Local Enterprise Partnership Chairs Who's Who 2019

## Stewart Towe CBE DL Black Country LEP

Black Country LEP



Stewart Towe CBE DL, Chairman and Managing Director Hadley Industries PLC since 2006. He trained as an Accountant with the Birmingham firm of Farmiloe & Co.

Stewart moved to Hadley as Group Accountant in 1976 and appointed to Main Board in 1978 responsible for commercial and financial development. Completed the buy-out of the business in

2006. Hadley has grown from £1m turnover in the 1970s to over £125m in 2016. Hadley has manufacturing plants in UK, Holland, Turkey, Middle East and the Far East and licensees throughout the world.

- Appointed as Business in the Community's Regional Ambassador for the West Midlands by HRH The Prince of Wales in June 2007.
- High Sheriff of the West Midlands 2012.
- Chair - Business in the Community, West Midlands 2009 - 2014.
- Chair of Governors – Bromsgrove School; Alexandra High School and Sandwell Academy 2004-2016.
- Pro Chancellor Wolverhampton University.

Deputy Lieutenant to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands and awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2008.

## Andrew Smith Buckinghamshire LEP

**Buckinghamshire**  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE  
PARTNERSHIP  
THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN



Andrew always wanted to work in the film industry, then after being a civil servant, having a stint in politics, starting up his own business and training to be a scuba diving instructor, his dream came true and he went to work for Pinewood in 2008.

Andrew joined Pinewood in June 2008 as Group Director Corporate Affairs. Appointed Company Secretary in December 2010 and appointed to the Board in May 2012. Prior to this, Andrew was Managing Partner of The Policy Partnership. Member of the Film Skills

Council, the British Film Commission Advisory Board, the International eGames Committee and Associate member of BAFTA. Non-Executive Director of Bucks Business First Ltd and Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership.

He is passionate about allowing everybody opportunity, especially the long-term unemployed and NEETs.

**Christine Gaskell CBE DL**  
**Cheshire & Warrington Enterprise Partnership**



Christine has spent most of her career in the Motor industry and from 1995 until 2012 she was a Member of the Board at Bentley Motors Limited with responsibility for 4,000 employees worldwide. She was also Chair of the Rolls Royce and Bentley Pension Fund. Under Christine, Bentley invested significantly in improving the skills and capability of its workforce, winning regional and national recognition for its programmes.

Christine has been actively involved in promoting learning and skills and in 2012 she was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to training and apprenticeships. In 2019 she was made a CBE for her services to business and the community, recognising the achievements of the LEP which she leads.

Christine was appointed as the first Chair of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership in March 2011. She is Vice Chair of NP11 and sat on the LEP Review Committee. She is a member of the Prime Minister's Industrial Strategy Council, an independent body set up to assess the Government's progress on the commitments made in its modern Industrial Strategy. She also sits on the Board of Transport for the North.

Amongst her other appointments, Christine holds a number of other non-executive roles and is also Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire.

**Tim Wates**  
**Coast to Capital LEP**



Tim is a Director of Wates, one of the UK's largest privately owned construction property services and development businesses, operating nationally with 4,000 employees and revenues of over £1.6bn.

He started his career at Cazenove & Co. in the City prior to joining the Wates Group where he held a number of roles around finance and housing, culminating in Managing Director of Wates Developments and then Chairman of Wates Family Holdings. He is Chairman of the Wates Family Council, the Family Shareholder Forum, is a member of the Wates Group Audit Committee and leads for the Family on Housing.

Tim is a UKTI Business Ambassador, Chairman of the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership and a Non-Executive Director of Tampopo and Pedder Property. A Trustee of various Wates Family charities and a Director of the Clink Charity, Tim is also an Advisory Board Member of the Judge Business School, Cambridge University and Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey and has an MBA from the Judge Business School at Cambridge University.

Outside work, he likes to spend time with his family, enjoys food and wine and a weekly game of 5-a-side football.

**Mark Duddridge**  
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP



**CORNWALL &  
ISLES OF SCILLY**  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP



Mark was a main board director of Samworth Brothers which owns Callington-based Ginsters and Tamar Foods in South East Cornwall. He was Managing Director of Ginsters for 15 years, and has been with Samworth Brothers for almost 20 years. Mark is currently a Director of Rodda's and Trustee of the Prince's Countryside Fund and the children's charity CHICKs which has centres in Cornwall, Devon and Derbyshire.

Before that he held a variety of roles with Northern Foods, including commercial and site Director of a number of their operating businesses.

For the last four years Mark has led an initiative working with Cornwall College and food and drink producers across Cornwall to encourage and support young people wishing to pursue a career in the industry.

Mark is married with two teenage sons and lives near Callington. He is a trustee of the Prince's Countryside Fund, one of the Duke of Cornwall's charities; a trustee of Chicks (Countryside Holidays for Inner City Kids) with centres in Cornwall and Devon, and has been chair of governors at Callington Community College since 2012.

A passionate gig rower, he is a member of Caradon Gig Rowing Club and is a veteran of several Pilot World Gig Championships on the Isles of Scilly.

**Jonathan Browning**  
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP



**Coventry & Warwickshire**  
Local Enterprise Partnership



Jonathan Browning has been chair of the CWLEP since April 2014 and his current term of office runs until April 2020. In addition, Jonathan also chairs the CWLEP Programme Delivery Board.

Jonathan is a globally-recognised figure in the automotive industry, and joined the LEP board after three years as President and CEO of Volkswagen Group of America. His career has spanned the breadth of the industry across multiple

countries and regions, working in locations ranging from Turkey to Switzerland and from Germany to the US, as well as numerous parts of the UK. While with Ford, his positions included Managing Director of Jaguar Cars between 1999 and 2001 before moving back to General Motors where he was Chairman of Vauxhall Motors from 2005-2008. In the US with Volkswagen he led the company to profitability and to more than double the size of its business. He was recognised as an automotive 'All-Star' in 2011 and 2012 by the industry-leading title Automotive News.

He holds a degree in Industrial Economics from Nottingham University, an MBA from Duke University in the USA, and in 2017 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration by Coventry University for his services to the global automotive industry. He has lived in Warwickshire for the past 15 years.

Jonathan is a past chairman of British Cycling, a non-executive director of the AUTO1 Group based in Germany, and a non-executive director of the Organising Committee of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

**Lord Richard Inglewood**  
Cumbria LEP



Lord Inglewood is a member of the House of Lords and the current chair of training provider Gen2. He was also previously the chair of the boards of Cumbrian businesses Carr's Milling Industries plc and CN Group Ltd.

Lord Inglewood has also held a number of ministerial positions during his career. He was the minister for broadcasting and for tourism during his time as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department

of National Heritage in the late 1990s. He has also served twice as a regional MEP, first for Cumbria and Lancashire North and then for North West England.

He is currently president of Cumbria Tourism and has been Deputy Lieutenant for Cumbria since 1993 and Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria since 2012.

To take on the role, Lord Inglewood has given up the Conservative Party whip and he will now sit in the House of Lords as a non-affiliated peer.

Lord Inglewood was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Cumbria College of Agriculture and Forestry. He was called to the Bar in 1975, is a Chartered Surveyor (MRICS) and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA).

**Elizabeth Fagan**  
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire



Elizabeth Fagan is Non-Executive Chair of Boots; and was previously Senior Vice President, Managing Director of Boots (from June 2016 to September 2018). In this latter role, she led all of the Boots businesses, both across the UK and the Republic of Ireland, with the support of Boots' senior leaders.

Elizabeth previously held the position of Senior Vice President, Managing Director, International Retail, Walgreens

Boots Alliance from the company's creation in December 2014 to June 2016. During the eight years prior to the merger with Walgreens, Elizabeth held a number of Marketing Director roles within Alliance Boots and its businesses. Elizabeth re-joined Boots UK in 2006 as Managing Director of Boots Opticians, having previously worked for Boots Group some 16 years before this appointment as Group Buyer. Elizabeth also worked for DSG International Plc for 10 years.

Elizabeth is President of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers and is a member and past President of Women in Advertising and Communications Club. She became a Fellow of the Marketing Society in August 2013 and was also a member of the ASA Council for six years. In January 2018, Elizabeth was appointed to the Board of the Office for Students, and in June 2018 was appointed Non-Executive Director of Brambles Limited. Elizabeth also sits on the first UK industry-led Retail Sector Council, which launched in March 2018.

**Jim Stewart**  
Dorset LEP



Transport Champion; Chair of Connected Dorset Working Group.

Jim Stewart was appointed Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners in 2002 and has been a board member of the British Ports Association (BPA) Council since then.

Jim has managed shipping companies in the UK and overseas since 1988

after commencing his career as a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange in the City of London.

In the past six years, he has served as Chair of BPA, Chair of Maritime UK (representing UK ports and the UK maritime services sector), Chair of UK Port Skills, and Safety and Chair of Access to UK Ports committee. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Jim gained an MBA at the Cass Business School in London and has served as President and council member of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has also held a number of non-executive positions, including the Director of Poole Lighthouse Arts Centre for five years.

**Dave Axam**  
Enterprise M3 LEP



Dave is Managing Director at Ai2EV Ltd, which combines his passions: one for devising market solutions, and another for world changing technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, Connected Autonomous Vehicles and Electric Vehicles.

Dave is interim CIO and Frimley NHS Foundation Trust where he is leading the digital transformation of the clinical operations.

As the former South East Regional Director at BT, Dave has outstanding skills and expertise in both strategic business development and technology-led digital transformation and is undaunted by the prospect of new technology disrupting old ways.

Dave has been a member of the EM3 Board for 3 years and was appointed Chair in May of this year. He has also enjoyed influential roles as a Director of Surrey Connects and as Chair of Governors at his local secondary school. He regards future skills as a high priority and has a keen interest in supporting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) development in education.

**Diane Savory OBE**  
**GFirst LEP**



Diane is the Chair of GFirst LEP, and also represents Gloucestershire as part of the Future High Streets Forum with the High Streets Minister.

With a passion for fashion she studied Retail and Exhibition Design at Cassio College, Watford. After joining Cult Clothing, the predecessor of Supergroup PLC, Diane rapidly progressed through the organisation to become its Chief Operating Officer

transforming the company from a small, local enterprise to the now distinctive, nationwide fashion retailer. Furthermore, she has mentored businesses to help them succeed in today's challenging environment and is a board member for a number of organisations.

In 2013, Diane was awarded an OBE in recognition of her work with GFirst LEP and her contribution to business.

In 2015, Diane was appointed as one of six, new Deputy Lord-Lieutenant's by Dame Janet Trotter, Gloucestershire's Lord-Lieutenant.

**Tim Pile**  
**Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP**



Tim Pile holds a number of non-executive responsibilities, following on from his executive career in retail, banking, professional services and marketing.

Tim is a Non-Executive Director of Marshalls Plc and Deputy Chairman of The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. He also serves on the Board (and is a past president) of the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce and is on the CBSO development Board.

His most recent executive role was CEO and Executive Chairman of Cogent Elliott, the leading Midlands based Marketing Agency, supporting a large number of iconic brands and businesses. Between 2001 and 2006, Tim was CEO of Sainsbury's Bank and a member of Sainsbury's Operating Board. Prior to Sainsbury's, Tim led the Retail Function of the Alliance and Leicester Group as Marketing, Strategy and Sales Director from 1996 to 2001. Before this he served at LloydsTSB as Marketing Director.

He has held a number of non-executive roles including trustee of the Library of Birmingham, a governor at Bromsgrove School, Honorary Senior Fellow at Birmingham Business School and on the Board of Cancer Research UK.

**Aamir Khalid**  
**Greater Cambridgeshire**  
**& Peterborough Combined Authority (The Business Board)**



The Business Board was constituted in September 2018 and Aamir was appointed as its Chair.

He is an experienced Professor with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. He is skilled in Research and Development (R&D), Innovation Management, Materials Science, Strategy, and Research. Aamir is a strong education professional with a PhD focused in Non-Destructive Testing from Cranfield University.

Aamir is Director of Technology at The Welding Institute (TWI). He graduated in Applied Physics from University College, London, and pursued a career in NDT, inspection and automated and robotic inspection technologies, gaining a doctorate from Cranfield University in 1992. Joining TWI in 1999, Aamir became Manager of the NDT Group before being appointed Director of Technology in 2010.

**Ursula Lidbetter MBE**  
**Greater Lincolnshire LEP**



Ursula has chaired the Greater Lincolnshire LEP since it formed in 2010.

She is Chief Executive of Lincolnshire Co-op, an independent co-op which is owned by its 280,000 members. The Society's services include food stores, pharmacies, travel agencies and funeral homes. It records sales of over £329m annually and profit of more than £17.5m, which is all reinvested locally, including over £4m to its customer members.

Ursula shares her ideas and energy with other organisations and businesses. She served as chair of the Co-operative Group from 2013-2015, leading it through a period of major reform. She is now a Director of Co-operative Federal Retail and Trading Services. She led the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce for almost 20 years, recently introducing a new structure including a county-wide assembly. She's currently Chair of the Lincoln Business Improvement Group and a member of the University of Hull's Council. Alongside fellow senior industry leaders, Ursula sits on both the government's Retail Sector Council and Food and Drink Sector Council.

In 2012, Ursula was awarded the MBE for services to businesses in Lincolnshire and she is Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Lincolnshire. She has honorary degrees from the University of Hull and Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln.

**Mike Blackburn OBE**  
Greater Manchester LEP



Mike lives in the North West and until January 2018 was Chair of BT's NW Regional Board, a role he held from 2007, and also Head of Digital Government in the UK until 2018.

Mike has a number of non-exec roles including Chair of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership which sits at the heart of Greater Manchester's governance arrangements, ensuring that business leaders are empowered to set the

strategic course, determine local economic priorities and drive growth and job creation within the city region.

Mike holds a number of other Non-Exec or Trustee roles: Board member of Lancashire Enterprise Partnership; Chair of the Institute of Directors (IOD) in the North West; Trustee of the Lowry Theatre, Salford; Director of the Science Museum Foundation; Non exec Director of Transport for the North; Dean's advisory council member for Lancaster University Management School; and Advisor at Snowball Alternative Finance Limited

Mike was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2015 for services to the economy in the North West.

**Steve Hindley CBE DL**  
Heart of the South West LEP



Steve is Chair of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.

Steve has over 40 years' experience in the construction industry at both project and company board level. He is former Chair of the CBI Construction Council and the South West CBI Council, and he is the current Chair of the Constructing Excellence South West Leadership Team.

In addition, Steve is a trustee and chairman for the Devon Community Foundation. He is a former trustee of Children's Hospice South West and was formerly on the board of governors at the City of Bristol College.

He was awarded the CBE in the 2006 New Year Honours List for services to the Construction Industry, appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Devon in 2009 and had an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering conferred upon him by Exeter University in 2011.

**Mark Bretton**  
Hertfordshire LEP



Mark Bretton is Chairman of the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and an independent consultant with 35 years' wide-ranging business experience including in some very high profile Government programmes. Until recently Mark was a Managing Director (Partner) in the leadership team of the professional services firm Accenture. He sits on the Business Leaders' Council of the charity Teach First.

Mark has an MBA in Export Management and International Business from The City University Business School (now CASS) in addition to his BSc Econ (Hons) in Management Studies. He was a Royal Signals Reserve Officer (Major) and holds a Territorial Decoration. He is married to Leah who is very active in the regional Magistrates community and has two daughters, one who is a Cambridge multi lingual graduate and is teaching English to business people in Bogota, Colombia, and one who recently completed her PGCE at the University of Hertfordshire before taking up her first teaching post, leading a year 1 class in September 2018.

**Lord Christopher Haskins**  
Humber LEP



Lord Haskins brings a wealth of commercial, political and economic regeneration experience to his position of Humber LEP chair.

He is the former chairman of Northern Foods and Express Dairies, former Board member of Yorkshire Forward Regional Development Agency (1998-2008) and is also currently a non-executive Director of JSR Farms Ltd as well as being a member of the Lords 'Cabinet Office Equality and Reform Group Board'

and Pro-Chancellor of the Open University.

As well as chairing the LEP's Board meetings, Lord Haskins also leads meetings with ministers and is the LEP's voice in Whitehall and Parliament.

**Steve Fogg**  
**Lancashire Enterprise**  
**Partnership**



Steve has a wealth of experience from a career forged at BAE Systems, from apprentice to engineering, then moving through operations and programme management to his current role as Managing Director of Corporate Shared Services and a Member of the UK Management Board.

He also holds various executive and non-executive Board membership roles, including Blackpool Pride of Place Partnership, Chair of the Fylde Coast Responsible Business Network, member of the Worldskills Advisory Group on Social Mobility, Diversity and Inclusion and is a member of the National Apprenticeship Ambassador network.

**Roger Marsh OBE**  
**Leeds City Region LEP**



Roger is the former senior partner at PWC Leeds and a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Since becoming Chair, Roger has led the LEP through a period of significant transformation, securing the country's largest Local Growth Deal settlement and bringing £1bn of investment to the region. Alongside other areas, he is also one of the Trustees for the Iraq/Afghanistan memorial project. As a member of the HS2 Growth Task Force and West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Board, Roger has played a prominent role in shaping the future of the region's major transport infrastructure. Working in partnership with Civic Leaders, Roger continues to pursue the LEP's vision to develop the Leeds City Region as an economic powerhouse, creating jobs and prosperity for all who live and do business here; both for Northern and National economic advantage.

**Current roles:** Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA); Deputy Chair of WYCA Investment Committee and Chair of WYCA Governance and Audit Committee; Chair, European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Local Sub-Committee; Member of the IoD National Council; Member of Bradford Producer City Board; Member of Transport for the North Partnership Board; Member of Council, Strategy & Investment and Audit & Risk Committees, The University of Leeds; Trustee of Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial Project CiO; Chair, Strategic Oversight Board, Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund (NPIF).

**Kevin Harris**  
**Leicester & Leicestershire LEP**



Kevin has been on the LLEP board for three years and before assuming the role of Chair he was the Vice chair.

Kevin has worked closely with local business for more than three decades. A Chartered Accountant by training, he advises SMEs on a range of areas, helping businesses to grow alongside providing essential statutory audit support.

As a strong advocate of Leicestershire, he is a prominent member of the local business community being a Board Member of the East Midlands Chamber of commerce and former Chairman of the Leicestershire Chamber.

For the majority of his career, he was the business owner of a successful regional accountancy practice, until joining RSM in Leicester as a partner in 2017.

**Asif Hamid MBE**  
**Liverpool City Region LEP**



Having been at the cutting edge of the contact centre industry for the past 25 years (in roles ranging from Sales and Marketing Director, Operations Manager and Head of UK Operations for some of the world's leading outsourcing businesses) Asif is one of the best-known, leading entrepreneurs in his field.

Having decided that all clients deserve an identical level of quality of service - with a partnership approach (something sometimes overlooked in the Outsourcing Industry) - Asif started The Contact Company with just 15 employees. Since then, the company has grown to over 1,100 employees, across three sites; supporting well-known brands such as Superdrug, River Island, Home Retail Group, Sainsbury's, Plusnet, DPD and The Health Lottery.

Through his continued hard work and belief in the region, and its people, Asif has worked to bring major national and international brands to the area, creating 450+ jobs in the region within the last 12 months. His commitment to growth was demonstrated last year, with the opening of a second business site. The investment of over £15 million pounds was recognised as "Investment of the Year" at both last year's Echo Regional Business Awards, as well as the Wirral Business Awards. Asif also commits time and support to the region through his work as Chair of the Liverpool Enterprise Partnership and Chairman of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce.

**Angus Knowles-Cutler**  
Deputy Chair, London Economic  
Action Partnership



Angus is Vice Chairman of Deloitte and also serves as their London office Senior Partner. He has thirty years' experience in professional services, most recently leading the firm's Transaction Services practice.

In his London role, Angus works with businesses, policy makers and opinion formers. He has a particular interest in how the city maintains and grows its global leadership in high skill sectors,

with a focus on the need to attract talent to London.

Angus holds an MA from the University of Cambridge and is a freeman of the City of London.

**Doug Field**  
New Anglia LEP



Doug is Joint Chief Executive, East of England Co-op.

His career includes four years at Christie Group plc as Group Financial Controller and six years at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Bristol. He joined the Co-op as Finance Controller in 2008 and swiftly rose to the position of joint Chief Executive, joining a five-strong Leadership team. Doug oversees the

finances of the business and all aspects of technology from PCs to till points.

**Andrew Hodgson**  
North East LEP



As former Chief Executive Officer of Soil Machine Dynamics (SMD), Andrew is a leader in subsea engineering and in recent years has been awarded three Queen's Awards for Industry.

He's currently Chair of Subsea North East, a board member of Subsea UK and Trust Board member for the International Centre for Life.

He has also been awarded as North East Business Exec of the year, EY Entrepreneur of the Year and EEF's UK manufacturing champion.

**Jeremy Long**  
Oxfordshire LEP



Jeremy Long has a broad-ranging career leading and developing a wide range of businesses in customer services, IT, marketing, leisure, travel and hospitality.

He is currently CEO for Europe of the Hong-Kong headquartered international railway and property group MTR Corporation.

Mr. Long is an experienced chair having worked extensively with both Westminster and local authorities.

He has championed skills and employment initiatives, as a former Member of the Mayor of London Skills and Employment Board, former Director of London Development Agency and Chair of their Business and Skills Committee. The development of business and the skills to support their growth are at the heart of Jeremy's motivation for joining OxLEP.

**James Muir**  
Sheffield City Region LEP

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In 1983 James joined a manufacturer of tableware, spending his first year working full time in the factory. Three years later he joined Ford Motor Company and held various sales and marketing positions, including Sales Director of Ford Switzerland, and Regional Director for the North of England. In 2001 he was appointed Managing Director responsible for establishing Mazda's own company in the UK. In 2003 he was promoted to

Mazda's European headquarters near Cologne, first as Vice-President of Sales & Marketing and then as President and CEO of Mazda Europe where he led the Company's turnaround from loss-maker to Mazda Corporation's most profitable business unit in the world. In 2009 James joined Volkswagen Group as President and CEO of SEAT based in Barcelona and tasked with revitalising its ailing brand. Over the following four years he led the complete restructuring of the company including the development of a new brand and product strategy. Since mid-2013 James was based in Wolfsburg, Germany, responsible for running the VW Group's owned national sales companies across more than 20 countries world-wide, accounting for more than 4m vehicle sales with over €80bn of turnover. In December 2018 James retired from VW Group. He is the Chair of the Astrea Academy Trust Board, one of England's largest multi academy trusts.

**Gary Jeffries**  
Solent LEP

  
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Gary is the Managing Director of Hughes Ellard, the south coast's largest independent commercial real estate consultancy. In this role, he specialises in major developments and in handling the property interests of major corporations and industrialists; experience which is invaluable to the Solent LEPs aspirations for creating growth and inward investment in the region.

Gary has lived in the Solent region for his entire life and actively represents the region in his role as President for the Portsmouth area of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. Previous roles Gary has held include General Manager of Healey and Baker, Austria, and Associate Director of Austin Adams, Portsmouth.

Gary is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He holds two degrees; a BSc in Estate Management and a MBA in Business, and is currently conducting research for a PhD in Perceptions of Leadership in his free time.

**Christian Brodie**  
South East LEP

Christian Brodie was appointed Chair of the South East LEP in March 2016. He has high level experience in business, international finance, higher education and working closely with Government departments.

Christian is the Chair of the Student Loans Company and previously the Council of the University of Sussex, the Public Chairs Forum, the Council of UCAS and Pentathlon GB.

After reading law at Oxford University, Christian took on legal roles in corporate finance in the City of London and on Wall Street. He subsequently joined the financial services industry where his career progressed to Vice Chairman of UBS Investment Bank, reporting to the Chief Executive. As well as holding directorships in a number of private companies, he was a member of the Boards of UCEA, the Financial Sustainability Group of HEFCE and the Greater Anglia Stakeholders Advisory Group. He also serves on the Grants Committee of the Wates Foundation, his family charity supporting projects principally in London and the South East.

**Peer Horrocks CBE**  
South East Midlands LEP

Peter Horrocks CBE was Vice-Chancellor of The Open University from 2015 until April 2018. Prior to joining the OU, Peter was Director of the BBC World Service. At the Open University Peter devised the university's strategy Students First bringing a new 'digital by design' approach to the university's teaching. He oversaw significant restructuring and the prioritisation of resources for student benefit.

He also chaired FutureLearn, the UK's only higher education open social learning higher education platform. FutureLearn has over 7 million users globally. At the BBC, Peter held several roles, including being editor of Newsnight and Panorama, Head of Current Affairs, Head of TV News and Head of Multimedia News. He won two BAFTA awards for his journalism.

In 2015 Peter was awarded a CBE for Services to Broadcasting in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Peter throws himself into a variety of local activities – including singing in the Danesborough Chorus, cycling with Team MK and spinning to keep fit at Flitwick Leisure Centre. He volunteers as a careers adviser in schools and is the chair of members for a local academy schools trust. He aims to cycle to all parts of the SEMLEP area during his time as Chair.

**David Frost CBE DL**  
**Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire**  
**LEP**



David Frost has lived and worked in the West Midlands since 1980. Born in the North East, after degrees in London he worked as an economist before moving to Walsall.

In 1986 he was appointed as Chief Executive of the Walsall Chamber of Commerce which grew to become one of the largest in the UK. This position was further consolidated when it merged with Chambers in Cannock; Lichfield; Tamworth and Burton to form the East Mercia Chamber of Commerce. In 2000 he moved to

head up the Chamber and Business Link in Coventry and Warwickshire. In 2003 he was appointed Director-General of the British Chambers of Commerce. Based in Westminster his role was to represent the interests of 100,000 businesses. It was here that he built links with senior Government Ministers, Politicians, and Civil Servants.

On announcing his retirement from this he was asked to head up the national network of Local Enterprise Partnerships, representing the 39 LEPS. He did this until March 2014. David was awarded a CBE for services to business in 2011, is a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands and has an Honorary Doctorate from Birmingham City University. He is also Chair of two charities that seek to improve the opportunities for children and young adults: Vinspired and National Numeracy.

**John Mortimer**  
**Swindon &**  
**Wiltshire LEP**



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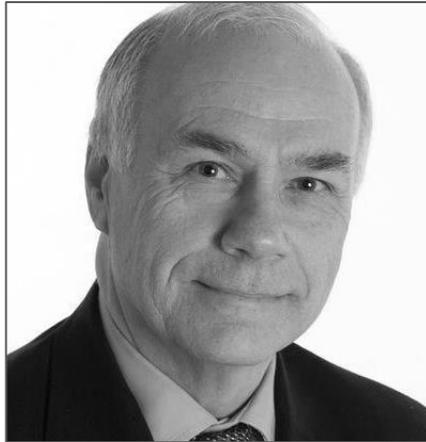


John Mortimer has worked for 13 years as South West Director of the Country Land & Business Association (CLA).

He had previously worked for 25 years in the minerals industry latterly as Technical and External Affairs Director at Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd in Chipping Sodbury.

John is also a management board member on the South West Rural and Farming Network and is a director of South West Chamber of Rural Enterprise.

**Paul Booth OBE**  
Tees Valley Unlimited LEP



Paul is a member of the Chemical Industries Association Council, Chairman of the North East Process Industry Cluster and a Board Member for Plastics Europe North.

He has had a long and passionate interest in the training and development of people and, as a result, holds a number of non-executive positions outside SABIC.

This includes sitting on Teesside University's Board of Governors and previous Board memberships of Redcar and Cleveland Technical College, the National Skills Academy and the TTE Technical Training Group.

Additionally, he has a deep interest in sustainability issues and is involved in a number of projects designed to ensure the long-term future of the chemical industry including being Honorary President for Society of Chemical Industry in the UK.

Paul has broad-based experience within the chemical industry, having worked in the Nylon, Polyester, Petrochemicals and service sectors. He also has significant global experience with his career taking him to Europe and the USA.

**Peter Read**  
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP



Peter has spent most of his career in aviation. He joined British Airways as a pilot and flew for his first 25 years with the airline. His parallel management career encompassed all operational areas of the airline including senior positions in Engineering, Flight Operations, and the management of 7000 staff in BA's Heathrow operations. He led a business restructuring of the cargo division with the introduction of digital

technologies and electronic control of planning and operation worldwide. His last position was as Director of Operations, responsible for the planning, delivery, and real time control of the worldwide operation of the airline. This role included the planning and functional design responsibilities for Terminal 5, as well as the BA property portfolio. In 2006 Peter joined Malaysia Airlines as Director of Operations, responsible for 18,000 staff covering all operational, safety and engineering functions worldwide. From 2002 Peter was a Board member of National Air Traffic Services (NATS) until 2017, and for the last seven years held the position of Chairman of The Airline Group Limited (AG). Peter has extensive experience of Board committees at NATS and previous companies. Peter has been a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society for many years and is a past Chairman of the Heathrow Branch. He has been Chairman of the Thames Valley Berkshire LEP since July 2015.

**Dr Graham Wynn OBE**  
**The Marches LEP**



Born into a Shropshire farming family and educated locally; Graham at 15 started an engineering apprenticeship at one of the country's largest agricultural and automotive dealerships; his career progressed from engineering into sales and then management, ultimately becoming a main board director. In 1993 Graham and wife Jenny started re-training motoring offenders, later forming TTC, which has grown to be the UK's largest National driver and cycle training company; based in Telford, TTC trains over 330,000 drivers annually, and 25,000 children receive Bikeability training through their cycling division. TTC is listed in the stock exchange top 1000 UK's most inspirational companies, and was also recently voted Company of the year at the Shropshire Star Business Awards. Graham attributes the success of TTC to the partnership with Jenny and the team they have built, focused on excellence in customer service delivery.

Graham was appointed as a magistrate in 1986 and awarded the OBE in 2006 New Year's Honours for his contribution to road safety. His community work has included member of Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, Founding Member of Telford Business Partnership, Chair of Telford Business Board, Chair of the Marches LEP and board member of the National LEP Network, representing the six West Midlands LEPs, Midlands Connect and the Midlands Engine.

Graham represents the Marches LEP on the Midlands Engine Strategic Board and the Midlands Connect Board.

**Professor Steve West CBE DL**  
**West of England LEP**



Professor Steve West took up the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England Bristol in 2008.

He trained as a Podiatrist and Podiatric Surgeon in London and developed his research interests in Lower Limb Biomechanics and the Diabetic Foot at King's College London. He holds a number of national and international advisory appointments in Higher Education in his discipline, healthcare policy and practice.

Steve is a Non-Executive Director for the Higher Education Funding Council for England and Vice-Chair of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) South West. Steve is also Chair of the UK Mental Health Education Working Group and Chair of the Learning for and in Work Challenge Group and a Board Member of the Learning City Partnership Board.

He is the Chair of the West of England Academic Health Science Network (WEAHSN), a Board Member of Universities UK and Chair of the Universities UK Health Education and Research Policy Network and Chair of the UUK Mental Health in Higher Education Working Group. Steve is also President of Business West and Chair of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Initiative, and Vice-Chair of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) South West.

**Mark Stansfeld**  
Worcestershire LEP



**Worcestershire**  
Local Enterprise Partnership



Mark started his career in the food industry at Cadbury Schweppes and Kraft Foods, but quickly moved into technology with positions at BT, T-Mobile and as Commercial Director for O2, where he was part of the board team who brought the brand to market leadership.

Alongside his Executive Director roles, Mark held Non Executive roles on a number of boards spanning technology, finance and health. These included The Link Retail, West Bromwich Building Society,

NHS West Midlands Strategic Health Authority, Ovo energy, O2 UK and Commercial director at CWS, B2B division at Dixons Carphone.

In addition to being Chair of the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, Mark is Chairman of giffgaff, the fastest growing mobile network in the UK, and digital consultant to a number of start-ups.

**David Kerfoot MBE DL**  
York, North Yorkshire & East  
Riding LEP



David founded The Kerfoot Group jointly with his wife Elizabeth in 1980 using £300 capital and which grew to sales of over £80m on a global basis exporting to over 50 countries. The company process, pack and distribute vegetable oils on three sites in the Port of Goole with a subsidiary in Poland and a sales office in New York. The group's main markets are food manufacturing, cosmetics and aromatherapy, its head office being in Northallerton. The Group was sold

to French agricultural giant Avril in 2015. David is a passionate social entrepreneur and has a long history of community service. As well as Chairman of the LEP for York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding, he is Chairman of the Pendragon Community Trust which he founded 12 years ago to build a facility for the multi disabled, trustee of a food bank and founder of an initiative called Smile for Moldova which supports people in the poorest country in Europe. He is also a patron of the Samaritans and a lifelong activist in the Prison Service as well as being a trustee of Breadline. He is a Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and High Sheriff of North Yorkshire in nomination for the year 2020. David has done many things in his life including being full time president of the student's union at Sheffield Polytechnic (now Hallam University), speaking at the United Nations in New York and over the last three years giving evidence at Parliamentary Committees on subjects such as small business and growth prospects for our region. He is passionate about helping small business and developing the region.