Clarion Corvus Trust Current Trustees March 2025



Ms Chris Nichols - Chair of Trustees

Chris was born in Norwich and grew up in the county. Chris has worked for both private and public sector organisations, working in London and across the UK. Chris has a background in Learning and Organisational Development and Management Development. Chris was Chair of Trustees for Corvus when the Trust merged with Clarion. Previously Chris had served as a governor at South Norfolk Federation.

Mr Peter Fraser - Vice Chair of Trustees

Peter lives in Bergh Apton, was born in Norfolk and spent 34 years as a police officer in Norfolk retiring as the Chief Superintendent responsible for the area covering South Norfolk, Norwich, and South Broadland. Peters career included roles in criminal investigation, corporate planning and development and as the Assistant Chief Constable (Operations). Since retiring he has been the County Commander and a member of the Norfolk St John Ambulance Priory Group.

Mr Jim Adams - CEO

Jim Adams was appointed Head teacher of Hobart High School in April 2015 taking up appointment on 1 September 2015. After the formation of Clarion Academy Trust in September 2017 he was appointed CEO in March 2018.

Mrs Patricia Bell

Originally from Newcastle upon Tyne, Tricia has lived in Norfolk for 35 years. She has worked in Further Education in Kent, Suffolk and Norfolk, latterly as Deputy Principal at Easton College. She has 2 grown up children, one of whom went to all three Loddon Schools. She has been a Governor of two local primary schools and also Hobart High School before becoming a Trustee of Clarion Academy Trust. She also does voluntary work with pre-school age children and their families.

Mr Michael Cole

Michael was an experienced Governor at Pakefield High School and became a Trustee of Clarion in April 2019 when Pakefield High School joined the Clarion Academy Trust. He and his wife live in Pakefield Lowestoft. Michael is currently a director of a local accountancy business specialising in supporting users of Sage Software and Payroll Bureau services.

Mr Peter Hardy

Peter Hardy lives in Loddon. He is married to Valerie, a solicitor. Peter was formerly Director of Property for Norfolk County Council and a Corporate Director of Great Yarmouth Borough Council. He is now Co-Director of a small family business.

Mr David Jessup

Previously a Trustee for the Corvus Education Trust joined Clarion Corvus as a trustee when the two trusts merged in April 2023. David has worked in the charity sector in a variety of roles, including operational, people management and leadership roles. Currently he works in the mental health sector.

Mr John Robson

John has extensive experience within education, previously working as Headteacher at Hobart High School. During this time John gained extensive experience in Finance, Leadership, Governance and provided a safe and secure environment in which children could learn. John was often approached to support LA Maintained schools in financial difficulties.

Following retirement John continued to support several failing schools with Interim leadership roles and provided a consultancy service to a Norfolk Trust.

Mr James Wright

James lives in Kirby Cane and is married with two grown up children who both attended Hobart leaving in 2005 and 2008 respectively. James, a recently retired farmer from his family partnership enjoyed being a Hobart High School Governor for a number of years before becoming at Trustee for Clarion in 2017. He enjoys community life and was formerly the Chair of Thurlton Primary School Governors.