



**TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

<b>Nominee</b>	Mark Hayton
<b>Proposer</b>	Michael Proctor
<b>Seconder</b>	Mel Clark
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been heavily involved with the Aln Valley Railway for the past 16 years, and currently hold two main roles, General Manager and Safety Officer. With 27 years of military service behind me, I have brought to the railway a vast range of transferable skills – not just administrative and safety – but technical co-ordination, auditing, engineering, electrical and information technology to name just a few. I'm a very 'can do' person, filling a hole where one often needs filled, which explains my involvement across the organisation. An active volunteer, not only frequently seen on site, but regularly working behind the scenes at home doing many things keeping the railway moving that others take for granted.</p> <p>In recent years there have been many positive changes at the railway, but there is still a lot to do. The plan I initiated to develop Lionheart Station for visitors and volunteers and to make better use of our assets is beginning to show fruit. Attitudes towards safety are improving ensuring that everyone can work and play in a happy but safe environment.</p> <p>Having been previously the Company Secretary for many years, I am well placed to know the background to many decisions made, and regularly bring that knowledge to meetings to enable the Trustees make sound decisions as the railway moves forward. Remaining as a Trustee will allow me to continue that support to others and to help the railway achieve its goal of reaching Alnmouth.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	Gavin Head
<b>Proposer</b>	Chris Freeman
<b>Seconder</b>	Anthony Sewell
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been part of the trust since the first meeting in the Northumberland Hall. Over the years I have had many roles – Membership secretary, Events Co-Ordinator and I help Judith in the café.</p> <p>In the evenings I can be found on site grass cutting and helping with anything else that I can.</p> <p>I feel that I am approachable, and I listen to members comments and suggestions.</p> <p>I also support organisations that support the AVR – Blyth Battery/Pottergate Centre/Alnwick Scouts.</p> <p>If I am reelected to the Board of Trustees my aim is to continue to represent the membership and the ongoing work to get to Alnmouth.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	Anthony Sewell
<b>Proposer</b>	Peter Stonell
<b>Seconder</b>	Gavin Head
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been a volunteer at the AVR since 2019 and a Trustee since 2020.</p> <p>At the AVR I have been involved in the Permanent Way, Traction and Plant departments. I have an active role in the Operations department as a guard for coaching stock and DMUs as well as diesel and DMU driver and act as an assessor for guards.</p> <p>I am also the administrator for the AVT HOPS account where the AVR stores, amongst other things, its competency certification and volunteer rosters for the majority of its departments that use rosters.</p> <p>In my personal life, I work for Northern Trains as Heaton, and I am building up my knowledge and experience of the Mainline Operations for a long Rail career.</p> <p>As a Trustee, my goal is to keep the railway on track and steaming ahead for a long time by ensuring that we operate safely, cutting as much unnecessary red tape as possible and to keep as much information flowing as possible.</p>	