

Board

Meet our Board members



Dr Alan Harrison, Chair

Alan is the Chair of Fry Housing Trust and a director of the Albatross Theatre Project, both working with vulnerable people. He was appointed as Vice-Chair of the South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust in 2010 and Senior Independent Director in 2014. He is a former Chairman of the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust having overseen the merger of the two probation areas and their successful bid for Trust status. Alan became the first Chief Executive of England Athletics, and was responsible for setting up the new governing body for the sport. He has also worked closely with disabled people as a senior executive in Remploy. He spent the early part of his career with Courtaulds plc as a research scientist and following a succession of senior management roles, set up Courtaulds Specialty Fibres with its focus on the medical sector. He has managed a number of business turnarounds

and led a worldwide business improvement programme for Courtaulds Fibres.

Merisha Stevenson

Merisha Stevenson is an Award Winning Business Consultant, Broadcaster and Non-Executive Director. With nearly 16 years' experience as a Consultant, and 12 years on various Boards, including City Pride (Birmingham) and Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust, she is driven by supporting others to develop success through developing strategies for business growth, as well as restructuring and re-engineering organisations both as a Consultant and as a Non-Executive Board Member. Merisha has been broadcasting a Business and Finance radio show for 9 years, where she makes business accessible. Passionate about helping, she brings to Fry Housing Trust Board her experience as a strategist, who has excelled in supporting vulnerable people to mentor, achieve, gain further skills, create growth, secure new contracts and develop efficient and effective businesses. With an understanding of the world of media, she also hopes to support the organisation to raise its profile and publicise all the good work undertaken at the Trust.

Brenda Thomas

Brenda spent the majority of her career working for the Ministry of Defence in the West Midlands. With an MA in Human Resource Management she has a wealth of experience developing strategic solutions to HR issues. Since her early retirement in 2007 she has continued to work part time as a Management Trainer and has also served as a non executive director on both the Telford and Wrekin PCT and the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust where she took an active role in a variety of complex change programmes.

Rosemary Hyde

Rosemary is a Chartered Accountant, and a former partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Since leaving the partnership in 2001 she had built up a portfolio career, combining non executive and community roles with part time finance director and consulting assignments. She is a Non Executive Director of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, and a Trustee of the Stratford upon Avon Arts House Trust. She has considerable experience in the housing sector, and was previously a non executive director of Orbit Group, and South Warwickshire Housing Association.

Paul Singh

A practised Board Member and Non-Executive Director with over 30 years Managerial experience, offering strategic direction to organisations both in the Public and Private Sectors. Paul is a board member of the Central Cooperative Society and was also President of the Midlands Cooperative Society until 2013. He has significant experience of working with the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust and has been a Justice of the Peace.

Stewart Wright

Stewart joined Fry Housing Trust as a Board Member in February 2016, although not practising as a solicitor with the Trust he qualified as a solicitor in 1989 and has spent over 25 years in local government. He is a specialist in regulatory, governance and ethical standards. Stewart spent the first part of his local government career at Dudley Council. In 2003 he joined Sandwell Council's Legal Division, where he currently practices as a solicitor and where he has also held various management positions. His role in local government has covered the complete breadth of management competencies across a diverse range of services in the organisation, including contributing to and

directly engaging in critical decision making.
