



Speaker Biographies in programme order

Jack Ellerby chair of this event was a professional planner for twelve years specialising in National Parks and broader rural policy. He developed innovative local needs affordable housing policies, raised the profile of rural housing & second homes nationally and established a Rural Housing Enabler initiative in Exmoor, West Somerset and North Devon. Currently based in Cumbria as Policy Officer for Friends of the Lake District he leads on AONBs/National Parks, Energy, Forestry, Affordable Housing and Environmental Grants. He became Chairman of the North West Rural Affairs Forum in August 2006 and is a member of the Housing Corporation's Rural Housing Advisory Group. He can also turn his hand to dry stonewalling, hedge laying and so on, teaches these skills through leading conservation volunteer groups.

Tim Farron was elected as the Member of Parliament for Westmorland and Lonsdale for the Liberal Democrats in May 2005. He defeated the Conservative candidate and ended a 95 year rule of the seat by the Tories. Following this win, Tim has been extremely busy both in Parliament and especially, within his constituency. In 2005, he was appointed the Liberal Democrat Youth spokesperson, and in March 2006 became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Party leader Ming Campbell.

Tim lives in Milnthorpe, south Cumbria, with his wife Rosie, his daughters Isabella and Gracie and his sons Jude and Laurie. In his limited spare time, Tim enjoys following the (mis)fortunes of Blackburn Rovers, playing football, walking in the Lake District, listening to various kinds of music and spending time with family and friends.

Bob Paterson is Project Director of Community Finance Solutions (CFS) at the University of Salford. He is the co-author of Investing in People and Places (1999), Investing in People and Land (2001), Wessex Reinvestment Trust Feasibility Study (2002) and Suffolk Regeneration Trust Feasibility Study (2003). He was the driving force behind the creation of Portsmouth Area Regeneration Trust (PART) and Salford Money Line (SML). These were the first Community Reinvestment Trusts in Britain. Following research work in rural areas, the CRT model has been extended to include land and property to form a Community Asset Reinvestment Trust (CART) - Wessex Reinvestment Trust (Devon, Dorset and Somerset), Suffolk Regeneration Trust (SRT) and Cumbria Asset Reinvestment Trust. This led to a research project - Capturing Value for Rural Communities – to examine ways of making housing and workspace permanently affordable by separating the cost of land from the cost of housing, using Community Land Trusts (CLTs) or similar structures. This work has continued and he is leading the Community Land Trust (CLT) National Demonstration Programme supporting the first cohort of rural and urban CLTs and is advocating change at a national level. This work has been funded by a grant from the Housing Corporation and Carnegie UK Trust.

Steve Ratcliffe: I was appointed in February 2006 as the Director of Planning & Partnerships for the Lake District National Park Authority with responsibilities for all aspects of sustainability. The Lake District National Park Partnership has been one early but significant success bringing together 19 key strategic economic, community and environmental partners to reinvigorate everyone's expectations and commitment to the long-term future of the National Park. A new vision is now in place that is transforming people's perceptions about the National Park Authority and its commitment to sustainability as opposed to simply environmental preservation. I am determined to make the National Park, and the National Park Authority, relevant to the North West region.

I see my role as very much one of facilitator. The National Park also allows me to take forward innovation and inspiration - effectively changing people's lives for the better.

I graduated as a planner and spent the earlier part of my career in Suffolk, where, amongst other things, I instigated the use of exception sites for affordable housing.

Janet Cresswell is manager of East Ashington Development Trust, a charitable company working to improve the economic prospects, environment and social opportunities for residents in East Ashington and surrounding areas. This is being achieved through establishing social enterprises in gardening services and timber recycling. The trust works in partnership with other organisations to achieve common aims, for example with Northumberland Care Trust to set up food coops and bring healthy eating education into the local community and access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables. The trust now owns 6 houses, which are rented through the local community, and an office suite rented to a local business. Recently the trust became co-owner of a

childcare business, in partnership with private investors. The trust recently set up a trading subsidiary, Ashington Community Enterprise Ltd (ACE), to hold its social enterprises.

Rosemary Kemp is a state registered Occupational Therapist with many years experience in health and social care and in special education with particular interest in neuro-rehabilitation. Special interest in house design and access for people with disabilities and mobility problems generally. I was on the board of Home Housing Association (HOME Group) for over 20 years and have been secretary our parish Threlkeld Housing Association for 6 years. I am currently in private practice; my work covers Personal Injury reports for the courts, case management, Access audits, mobility and transport, home adaptations, adaptive equipment, rehabilitation & home treatments.

Steph Fry is a founder member of Witherslack Community Land Trust Ltd and is now a Trustee and Company Secretary. She was also Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group from 2004 and has been a Parish Councillor since 2005. She works in IT and the hospitality sector

David Hardy is chair of the Underbarrow Housing Group and a retired petro-chemical control systems computer engineer and senior maintenance engineer on offshore gas production platforms.

Jane Sheppard is a member of the Wardhall CLT Steering Group. The group are looking at the feasibility of establishing CLTs in rural West Cumbria. Jane has a banking and accountancy background. Now semi retired she hopes these skills will be useful in helping to address the issue of affordable housing. Her interest in this issue stems from a lack of such housing taking her away from the area in the mid 70's; it has taken over 30 years to return!

Vicky Law: Joint BA (Hons) Modern History and Human Geography 1994-1999 at University of Strathclyde. PG Dip Housing Studies University of Stirling 2000-2002. Full corporate membership to CIH 2003. Since finishing Stirling University in 2002, Vicky has worked with various Registered Social Landlord in both outlying regeneration estates and inner city communities. In 2003, Vicky moved to the North East and worked as a regeneration officer for Derwentside Council. In November 2004, Vicky joined the Housing Team at Tynedale Council as a Housing Officer (policy and Strategy).

Richard Turner, Eden District Councillor for Alston Moor ward; EDC Cabinet member, Housing Portfolio Holder; represents Eden District Council on Cumbria Sub-Regional Housing Group Executive, currently Chair of that group; represents Cumbria on the North West Regional Housing Group and the North West Regional Housing Forum Executive. Currently Chair of the Alston Moor Affordable Housing Group.

Ian Moran is the head of the Property Social Housing team at Cobbetts in Leeds. He has 13 years experience of advising Registered Social Landlords and has dealt with affordable housing provisions in Section 106 Agreements from local authorities across Yorkshire and Humberside. Before moving to Leeds Ian worked in Skipton and was one of the external solicitors advising Skipton Building Society. He is listed as a "leading individual" in Social Housing in the North East in Chambers' Guide to the Legal Profession.

Steve Bendle works for CFS at the University of Salford, Wessex Reinvestment Trust and Devon County. His work is to support practically CLTs with technical aid and through policy development to help communities create assets such as meeting and workspace and affordable housing. For 5 years, he was Director of Envolve promoting practical steps towards sustainability. From 1980-1994, he was MD of Amicus-Horizon Housing Group, implementing new approaches to urban regeneration, self-build, community care, housing co-ops, finance and shared ownership. He co-founded the People for Action network.

Andy Lloyd fought for rural communities as Rural Housing Enabler for West Dorset and Purbeck for the past 5 years where, alongside the main job of assisting communities & Housing Associations to deliver schemes, he helped two of the national CLT pilots get started, also providing information and contacts on sustainable construction. From Cumbria originally, he is delighted to be employed as Community Land Trust Officer for the county since February, and to work closely with Judith Derbyshire at Cumbria Rural Housing Trust.