

## **Eshiels Wood Sub-Committee**

**Stuart Adair** has been involved in and worked on several ecological restoration schemes here in the Southern Uplands and occasionally in the Highlands. He is

- a fully qualified biological surveyor and habitat and restoration ecologist with over 20 years experience in botanical surveying, conservation management, habitat restoration/creation and compiling detailed reports for various statutory, commercial and charitable organizations.
- His main area of interest is in the study of semi-natural and near-natural vegetation (especially in the Southern Uplands) with particular reference to both plant and vegetation succession and the effects of certain treatments.

**Jeremy Cunningham** has been a volunteer worker on woodland projects in the Borders for the last 25 years. He

- worked with local communities in native woodlands in Zimbabwe before undergraduate sculpture training in South Africa. Most of his recent sculpture work has been for the Waterfront in Dundee;
- created a soil conservation museum and two award winning agricultural pavilions before post-graduate sculpture training at the Slade School in London;
- undertook sculpture commissions in the North of England and Scotland and work with communities in deprived areas;
- was artist in residence with Edinburgh Council helping with playground design.
- was an artist in residence with Sustrans, after which he was asked to help develop new traffic free routes in the Borders including the Tweed Valley Railway Path;
- is a Tweed Valley Railway Path volunteer co-ordinator.

**Stephen Dubé** is Secretary of Peebles Community Trust. He retired from a career as an award-winning journalist in 2011. He is

- former Farming and Rural Affairs editor for the Western Mail, the national daily newspaper of Wales;
- former board member and later honorary secretary of a rural enterprise company (Antur Teifi) that employed 80 people;
- former chairman of a village charitable trust that raised £120,000 to build a community hall and develop a sports field;
- community councillor in Wales for 16 years;
- an organic gardener for more than 45 years in England, France and Wales;
- he has studied rural enterprises in Mali, Nicaragua, France, Germany, Austria and Slovenia. He was a Churchill Fellow in 2008.

**Anna Lawrence** has spent 30 years working in social and community forestry. She is:

- A Chartered Forester;
- A Director of the Community Woodland Association;
- Convenor (2018) of the Forest Policy Group (independent think-tank supporting small-scale and local Scottish forestry);
- Member of the Carrifran Wildwood steering group (for Borders Forest Trust); coordinator of the seed collection sub-group;
- Honorary Professor of social forestry at the University of the Highlands and Islands, and at Wageningen University;
- former Head of Social and Economic Research at Forest Research;
- Director of Random Forest Research Ltd;
- Member of Forest Commission Scotland's CATS Evaluation Panel;

### **Ewan Sandison**

- manages small woodlands
- qualifications for chainsaw use – cross cut and felling
- outdoor first aid and volunteer coordination
- active member of *Tweeddale Community Woodfuel* Group focusing on the management of woodlands to increase biodiversity by reducing same age exotic monocultures

**Reuben Singleton** CEnv, MCIEEM has over 25 years of professional experience in environmental management and wildlife conservation in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

- Founder and Director of Tweed Ecology Limited, (March 2011) a commercial ecological consultancy with £80-100k turnover per annum;
- Worked for 14 years at Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH);
- Developed survey programmes to underpin ecological impact assessments (EcIA) and Habitats Regulations Appraisals (HRA) for a wide range of development projects. These have required the development and agreement of mitigation proposals, including protected species licences where necessary, in consultation with regulatory bodies and competent authorities; and
- Considerable expertise in ecological surveying for all the protected species likely to be encountered in Scotland.
- Former Treasurer of community woodland (Friends of Jubilee Wood)
- Former Secretary of local community paths group (Central Tweeddale Paths Network)
- Former Trustee of Borders Forest Trust
- County Moth Recorder for Peeblesshire for Butterfly Conservation

**Ruth Noble** was awarded a MSc in Outdoor Environmental Sustainability Education in 2016.

She is:

- a Forest School Leader (Level 3);
- director (Nature Unlimited Forest School CIC);
- freelance Environmental Educator;
- a Community Engagement worker on behalf of Peebles Community Trust;
- a Community Engagement worker, funding applications and development work on behalf of Borders Outdoor and Woodland Learning (Scotland);

**Joe Wilton** is a retired medical doctor who owns a five-acre woodland outside Peebles. His current roles include:

- chairman of Tweeddale Community Woodfuel, which promotes wood-fuel as an environmentally friendly and renewable resource for heating homes. This group was seed-funded by a grant from *Investing in Ideas* in 2015.
- board member of Tweedgreen, founded more than 5 years ago, which works towards a sustainable Tweeddale. The company has gained grants from the Climate Challenge Fund.
- member of the Peebles Community Trust steering group since its inception.

**John Woolliams** is Professor of Mathematical Genetics at University of Edinburgh.

- Former member of Defra's Standing Committee on Farm Animal Genetic Resources.
- Seconded appointments to FAO on Animal Genetic Resources.
- Former Chair of The Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council.
- Former Convener of community woodland (Friends of Jubilee Wood).
- Former Chair & former Treasurer of Peebles-Hendaye Twinning Association.
- Member of Borders Forest Trust and Butterfly Conservation.