

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.