

# Karen Clapperton



I have been part of the BBS family from the very early days and have been here through the good times and some difficult times.

What I have learned through these times is that we are stronger together, when we work together, we can achieve much more than we ever thought we could!

I am passionate about exposing arts and culture to people who wouldn't normally engage with the arts. Seeing this through BBS has been joyous and rewarding.

I love volunteering with BBS and I have volunteered in other areas over the years including the samaritans and women's rape and sexual abuse survivor groups and I have served on various boards and committees.

I work with the NHS as a Charge Nurse with Dumfries home team south.

It has been one of the huge privileges of my life serving with this unique, dynamic, exciting and ever changing organisation and with the people who make up this wonderful community.

# Rachael McDougall



I've been involved with the BBS family for a full decade and have been a part of almost every cog in the machine, so it's fair to say my experience with the organisation is extensive. This next chapter looks exciting for the organisation and I hope to be able to guide the team with the lessons I have learnt over the years.

I have a lot of love and appreciation for all of our team & volunteers, and I hope to represent their interests as a trustee.

Rachael joined our organisation as a trainee producer until eventually becoming our Associate Producer. In 2020 and at the height of the pandemic she stood up to become Interim-Chair of the Board covering Karen Clapperton who was busy with important NHS work.

**Rachael will be standing down in 2023 after 10 years with the company.**

# Jamie Milligan



With many years experience developing and building businesses in both the corporate and leisure sectors with annual turnover £18m, I am a highly professional, commercially focused, sales driven individual who thrives on achieving financial budgets and delivering good service standards whilst working within internal company standards and external legal parameters.

He is just about to take over the Swan Restaurant and is a volunteer at Nith Inshore Rescue and recently launched the new Mercure Hotel in Dumfries as well as being GM for the Holiday Inn.

**Jamie is on board leave at present during the transition from Mercure Hotel to Swan**

# Moira Priestley



I am currently a manager within the health and social care sector with a charitable organisation, managing tight budgets, a staff team of 30 and I also deliver training on certain subjects. Prior to this I worked in retail who instilled in me my ethos and expected high standards in customer service.

Joining the choir in week two was my first step into the new ventures and adventures of the organisation, swiftly followed by volunteering my time whilst encouraging others to do the same.

Being a volunteer brought joy and a feeling of being part of an exciting new concept creating events and opportunities for everyone within our community. During this time I also had pleasure in witnessing the growth in the organisation but more importantly the individuals who were benefiting from participating in the groups that were on offer.

I am currently a trustee on the board and feel privileged to be part of this organisation who are striving to make a difference in our town, I feel my long history with the organisation, being a member of the choir and experience I can bring from customer service to having an eye for detail will give me the opportunity to enhance some outcomes for the organisation.

# Tom Armstrong



Having been a huge fan and supporter of the Big Burns Supper for many years, I joined the board in 2020 and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team.

I retired from a career in Banking in 2017 and have been a past president of Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce and a past Regional Chair of The Prince's Trust. I am currently a Trustee of Dumfries YMCA and the Secretary/Treasurer of Kirkcudbright Sailing Club. I am also a volunteer with Alive Community Radio where I look after their finances.

My considerable experience in the voluntary sector has included managing volunteers, managing projects, and financial governance.



# Roy Stairmand

**NEW  
TRUSTEE**



I have volunteered since the earliest BBS days and know the people, the organisation and the ethos well. I am a good communicator, conduit for discussions and ideas and, an even better listener, able to respond to members' and trustees' suggestions.

Having previously chaired an arts organisation, been a director of an international PR Company and, with an honours degree and MBA, I have a skill set that works, making me well-placed to help manage cultural change and community spirit.

I am honest, dependable, hard-working and prepared to roll up my sleeves.

**Roy is our Chair designate and will become Chair of the Board in August 2023.**

# Jordan Chisholm

**NEW  
TRUSTEE**



I have been part of the BBS legacy since the very early days and have enjoyed watching it grow and develop into what it has now become. I am an advocate for community and what it means for things to transpire here, Doonhame, FOR its people, BY its people – whoever they may be. I put forward a fresh perspective with a love of bringing ideas to life and helping make things happen.

I appreciate in-depth discussion and people's passion for keeping Dumfries and Galloway on the map

Jordan was our first Associate Artist in 2013 and line produced our first ever Homecoming Carnival.

# Philip N. Jones

**NEW  
TRUSTEE**



An experienced executive and non-executive director, trustee and change and project manager in the public and charity sectors. A former Scottish Local Authority Chief Executive and NHS Scotland Board Chair.

I have always tried to make sure the things I am involved with have a positive impact. This is something that I would bring to the ETW Board with all of us pulling in the same direction for the benefit of the residents of Dumfries and the wider community. I will also support a modern Governance culture not adopting things that reinforce my own views, but to take a broader view, based on advice and community engagement.

Philip is a Chartered Manager of the Chartered Management Institute, and holds a Masters Degree in Management from the University of Strathclyde.



# Robertson Wellan

NEW  
TRUSTEE



I'm a local business owner who emigrated from Los Angeles to Dumfries. I worked in professional theatre for over 20 years as a designer/technician and was a professor of Theatrical Arts for 12 years.

As a person, I am gregarious, trustworthy, dependable, collaborative, a good listener and have extensive experience in public speaking and crowdfunding. I have worked with professionals, amateurs, students, volunteers and activists.

I have held many leadership positions and have experience running campaigns, overseeing budgets, and production/stage management. I am also very experienced with social media and have over 17,000 followers on my Pour1malt Instagram.

# Carlo Rinaldi

**NEW  
TRUSTEE**



I have applied to join board as I feel that the Big Burns supper has given Dumfries its biggest event to enjoy and take part in in recent years.

I can offer my enthusiasm and passion to make Dumfries a town which can provide entertainment and experiences for the whole community.

I bring a varied experience to the board.

I was born and raised in Dumfries so am a true Doonhamer. I have had businesses in the town since 1984 so understand what is needed to help the town thrive and be vibrant.

I have also been involved in education in Dumfries from the primary sector through to Higher Education. I understand the different needs for the range of ages I have taught and worked with.