

Members Profile Information: 15th May 2023 – website information

The following information has been supplied to D&S IFCA for potential use on the D&S IFCA website to create individual profiles. Phone numbers and emails of general members will not be used on public display areas of the website unless this is requested. Elected members also have links to their host Local Authority websites, where some profile information is also displayed. Members can examine the information that is presented below and update if required. (The original “profile” text is in purple font and updated text is in black font)

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Chair & Vice Chair/s

Mike Williams: (updated on 3rd February 2022)



Professor Mike Williams is a Visiting Professor at Plymouth University's School of Law, Criminology & Government, a member of the University's Marine Conservation & Policy Research Group (MarCoPol) and a former Honorary Professor at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL. He has published extensively on the law relating to the foreshore and seabed and underwater cultural heritage. He has advised government departments and agencies, both in the UK and abroad and was retained as an advisor to the Crown Estate (Marine

Division) on foreshore and seabed law. Mike sits on the UK's Joint Nautical Archaeological Policy Committee, is a member of the Ministry of Defence's Expert Panel on HMS Victory 1744, is Chair of the Devon & Severn Inshore Fishery and Conservation Authority, is the Honorary Secretary of the Nautical Archaeology Society (a UK registered charity), a Director of Mast Heritage, a Harbour Commissioner and a former member of the Expert Network for UNESCO's UK National Commission. Mike is a qualified commercial and recreational diver and as a member of the South West Maritime Archaeology Group has conducted archaeological operations on several protected wreck sites.

Dr Pamela Buchan: (updated 20th March 2022)

Pamela was elected Vice Chair in October 2020 and has served on the D&SIFCA since May 2018, formerly representing Plymouth City Council, and since 2021 as an MMO appointee. Pamela is a marine social scientist with a PhD in marine citizenship and additional consulting expertise in coastal communities and coordinated coastal management. As an interdisciplinary researcher, she is passionate about exploring and connecting aspects of the relationships humans have with the ocean. She additionally brings experience from a BSc Marine Biology, MSc Coastal Zone Management, and MRes Environment, Energy and Resilience, and short research projects investigating selective fishing gear, and fishing effort in the Berwickshire and North Northumberland European Marine Site. Pamela is currently a Cattewater Harbour Commissioner.

Elected Members

Cllr Nicole Amil:

Nicole has a [link](#) to TC profile. Additional information provided to D&S IFCA is as follows:

“I have served 12 years as a Torbay Councillor since 2007. I was re-elected in May 2019 as an Independent Torbay Councillor serving the Cockington – with – Chelston and Livermead Ward in Torquay. I am a former Chairman of Torbay Harbour Committee and Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours and elected as Chairman of Torbay Harbours on 1st of July 2019. I was made the Armed Forces Champion on the Council and a member of the Royal British Legion. I am also the Torbay Air show Chairman. I am a local woman born into a fishing family and have been brought up in the Fishing Industry”.

Cllr Keith Birchill:

Keith has a [link](#) to SGC website

Cllr Richard Bingley:

Richard has a [link](#) to PCC website.

Cllr Alan Preest:

Alan has a [link](#) to GCC website. Additional information provided to D&S IFCA is as follows:

I grew up in the forest of Dean, on the banks of the River Severn. Knowledgeable on aspects of the river. Served for 17 years on Lydney Town council. Currently in my 14th year as a member of Forest of Dean District Council. Currently in my 13th year as a member of Gloucestershire County Council. Chairman of the Authority 2021-22.

Cllr Paul Goggin:

Paul has a [link](#) to BCC website.

Cllr Alistair Dewhirst:

Alistair has a [link](#) to DCC website.

Cllr Ron Peart:

Ron has a [link](#) to DCC website.

Cllr Phillip Twiss:

Phillip has a [link](#) to DCC website.

Cllr Stuart Hughes:

Stuart has a [link](#) to DCC website.

Cllr Paul Crab:

Paul has a [link](#) to DCC website.

Cllr Bridget Petty:

Bridget has a [link](#) to NSC website.

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General Members

The following “profile” information has been assembled from information provided to D&S IFCA.

David Morgan: (updated in February 2021)

David was a Merchant Navy Deck Officer 09/75 – 08/84. David has been a skipper/owner of inshore fishing vessels since 09/84 to the present day.

Jon Dornom:

“I am an active, working fisherman. I have the best part of 50 years commercial fishing experience in potting, netting, trawling, longlining and estuary scalloping in Salcombe. I was brought up netting mullet with my father and others in Salcombe Estuary. Since then, I have fished pots all around the British Isles. My love of fishing has never diminished through some very good times and some very poor times. I believe there are some massive decisions to be taken in the near future about inshore and offshore fisheries. Hopefully my knowledge can help the correct decisions to be taken”.

Felicity Sylvester: (updated in June 2022)

“I am a former partner in Sylvester **Seafoods** – trawler owners, fish and shellfish retailers and wholesalers. I **also set up** Sylvester’s Fish and Chip shop all in Appledore North Devon. I was the Honorary Secretary of Lundy and Bristol Channel Fisherman’s Association, the forerunner by N Devon Fishermen’s Association. I have been teaching adult education fish cookery for 30 years and set up Brilliant Fish Sustainable Fish Education, **community group** to educate all ages about local, sustainable fish and shellfish. **We have developed” Sea- It -Cook It” sessions for Primary Schools.** I am interested in young fishers’ skills and apprenticeships and improving conservation of healthy oceans”.

Dave Saunders:

“Having worked in several industries I feel I can offer experience and knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. My experience ranges from Law Enforcement, Lifeboats Project Manager, H&S Management, Sales director I am currently operating a fishing charter business. I am now putting this to good use working with the D&S IFCA”.

Natasha Bradshaw:

Natasha has a background working with local people around Teign, Exe and Severn Estuaries and in coastal policy across SW England and Europe. Her 25 years’ experience in coastal and marine planning and management has led her to complete further research into collaborative governance for the coast. She brings to Devon and Severn IFCA a good understanding of the role of statutory bodies, NGOs, local authorities and different people’s interests, alongside a strong initiative to promote understanding, networking and stewardship.

Rachel Irish (MMO): (updated 9th February 2021)

“I have a background in marine & environmental science, in NGO, private and government domains in the UK and overseas. I have worked at the Marine Management Organisation for 15 years as a Marine Enforcement Officer. My current responsibilities as Principal Marine Officer involve overseeing the coastal operations for Dorset and Devon. This includes two

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offices at Poole and Brixham whose key objectives lie in compliance and assurance of fishing industry activities, marine works and grant funding. I sit on two IFCA committees along with their various working groups and participate in a number of regular fisheries engagements. Within the MMO I fulfil a number of national roles such as in grant funding approval and mental health first aid”.

Dr Emma Bean:

“I am a qualified solicitor, now working in higher education. My doctoral research centred on legal aspects of the management of coastal fisheries and included a case study focused on the Devon & Severn IFCA and the communities it serves. I combine general legal knowledge with an understanding of the legalities of fisheries management in order to assist the IFCA”.

Tom Birbeck:

Background in commercial diving and sustainable fishing such as hand gathering shellfish. Co-founder of ARC Marine a company focussed on accelerating reef creation.

Wayne Thomas: (updated 8th October 2021)

“I have been a keen sea angler for close to fifty years and have been involved in angling clubs for most of this period. I also write a weekly angling column for the North Devon Journal and contribute to angling magazines on a regular basis. I have had two books published on angling and run an angling news website on all disciplines of angling.

I worked in the Water Industry for over forty years and have now retired from full time employment to concentrate on family life, my hobbies of angling, writing, photography, gardening, walking, and volunteering for the National Trust”.

Dr Simon Thomas:

Simon is a Marine Biologist and is a professional member of the Marine Biological Association. Simon is a founding member and trustee of Pat Smith database which collects data on large elasmobranch catches by recreational anglers in the UK. Simon is also trustee of the UK Bluefin Tuna Association.

Caroline Acton:

No profile information has been provided or added at this time.

Anthony McDowell:

No profile information has been provided or added at this time.

Mark Day:

No profile information has been provided or added at this time.

Guy Baker:

No profile information has been provided or added at this time.

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Statutory Members

Jay Boyle (Natural England):

Information is being assembled.

Simon Toms (Environment Agency):

No information is held by D&S IFCA for use.

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