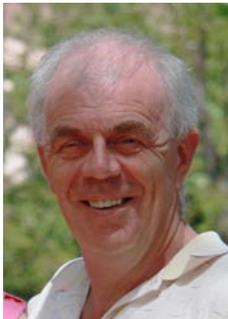




Parity for Disability's Trustees



Owen Durrett – Chairman

Owen took early retirement from BT in 2001 after some 33 years, his final position being Head of IT Services for the Global Division. He has had a lifelong interest in those with disabilities, an aunt having contracted TB at a young age resulting in severe physical limitations.

On retirement he took over the Chairmanship of the Rushmoor Access Group until its closure a few years ago, became a volunteer driver for a local Care Group and joined Parity in 2001 as a volunteer and Trustee, taking on the role of Chairman some 5 years ago.

During his time with Parity it has grown (through an increasing demand by people with multiple disabilities for services for those leaving full time education) from supporting 30 students per week in two locations to supporting up to 60 students per week in three specialist day services. This has involved expanding existing centres as well as establishing a third centre.

Owen has been a Magistrate for 18 years and has been an active member of Rotary since 1989.



Paul Roper – Vice Chairman

Paul is a retired chartered engineer and was formerly employed by British Airways. Paul's son Mark was born with multiple disabilities and the family became involved with Parity for Disability when Mark was young. Paul was for 12 years a Trustee for a national disability charity and is presently a Trustee for a national charity addressing the needs of children with rare metabolic conditions.



David Turnidge - Treasurer

David was most recently Head of Compensation at investment company Gartmore and has broad finance experience. He is also currently a member of the management group at the Army Golf Club, Aldershot.



Cllr Brian Blewett

Brian is a Hart District Councillor and works as an accountant. Brian and his wife have been long-term supporters of Parity and are parents of one of Parity's students.



Martin Hassett

Martin has been involved since the early days of the charity's services. A retired engineer in the Oil and Gas Design Industry, his responsibilities have included managing the safe design of large Oil and Gas installations. He was previously a Parity trustee more than 25 years ago before the current services started, returning to the role in 2016. Martin's son Alex has used Parity's services for several years. He is also involved in other charity fundraising activities locally and nationally.



Andrew Horton

Andrew currently runs his own Management Consultancy business. He worked in Financial Services for over 25 years prior to moving into consultancy in 2006. Andrew brings to Parity considerable experience of change management having lead transformational change in both Public and Private sector organisations. Andrew has volunteered for Macmillan and most recently Home Start in Guildford".



Cllr Barbara Hurst

Barbara is the Rushmoor Borough Council representative. A former teacher and passionate believer in life-long learning, Barbara joined the Board of Parity for Disability in 2010, following her election as a borough councillor.

She is a strong advocate for disabled people, and particularly people with PMLD, promoting understanding and fighting their cause via the Rushmoor Health & Wellbeing Forum, the Districts Health & Wellbeing Forum and the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership. As a Cabinet Member since 2016, she has driven greater emphasis on health and wellbeing, and strives to ensure that the issues faced by people with disabilities are always considered.



Chris Porter

Chris brings an HR background to Parity. He works for BP with specialties including recruitment, diversity and stakeholder management.



Kelvin Smith

Kelvin has raised over £90,000 for Parity for Disability since he started volunteering for the organisation in 1984. He has personal experience of disability, having cerebral palsy himself. Most recently, Kelvin was the recipient of the British Citizen Award, which recognises exceptional 'every-day' people whose achievements may otherwise be overlooked.