

Trustee Biographies



The Trustees of the League Against Cruel Sports are responsible for overseeing the charity's governance, setting its strategic direction, and defining its core objectives.

They ensure these goals are effectively implemented, monitor progress, and address any emerging issues.

Trustees contribute their time voluntarily, balancing these responsibilities alongside their professional careers, and often provide pro bono consultancy support to further the League's mission.

1. Your Trustees seeking election



David Fielding MBE (Chair of Trustees)

David is currently Managing Partner at a not-for-profit executive search firm, specialising in finding leaders for third sector organisations, and has experience in operations and human resources at director level.

For a decade he was a special adviser to the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations, and has also acted as an Independent Assessor for the Cabinet Office. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development and has a master's degree in political communications, advocacy and campaigning.

Away from work, David's commitment to establishing and nurturing wetlands in his city garden led him to be featured on BBC's Springwatch, and a project he undertook to rewild his garden means he has been sharing it with a family of foxes for a number of years. He is also a keen wildlife photographer, as well as a walker, birdwatcher and gardener.



Robert Allen – Trustee

I am a partner in the Disputes and Investigations team at a City law firm, specialising in complex disputes and investigations spanning privacy and data protection, cybersecurity incidents, reputation management, and consumer/retail finance claims. I also lead the firm's global pro bono practice. I do pro bono because access to justice shouldn't depend on means, and NGOs and charities shouldn't have to divert scarce funds from frontline impact into legal fees just to protect their mission. Working pro bono has given me the opportunity to support a number of animal welfare and environmental organisations, and I have a particular interest in the growing Rights of Nature Movement.

I grew up in rural West Sussex, and am lucky enough to live in the countryside now, where I spend spare time with our cats, reading and running. I also spend time walking, mainly to and around various megalithic monuments.

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1. Your Trustees seeking election (cont'd)



Caleb Cicek – Trustee

My background is in technology leadership and digital strategy, with over 15 years spent helping organisations from government departments to FTSE 100 brands navigate complex digital and AI transformations.

The natural world has always been important to me, and joining the League's Board of Trustees is an opportunity to put that conviction into action. I intend to bring a digital and strategic perspective to support the League's mission and help amplify its reach.

At home, my partner and I have worked to shape our garden into a space where wildlife feels welcome. The result is something of a sanctuary, with regular visitors including badgers, foxes, squirrels, woodpeckers and a busy cast of smaller birds. It's a privilege to share this space with them, and a daily reminder of why protecting wildlife from needless cruelty matters so much, and why the League's work is as important as ever.



Marcia Hagon – Trustee

I am a lifelong animal lover and cannot remember a single time in my life where animals were not part of my family. Over the years I have developed a strong interest in animal rights and welfare. I have been vegetarian for most of my life and finally made the step to become vegan in 2009.

In 2013 I made the decision to re-train for a legal career which I hoped would give me the skills and ability to continue to fight for the animals but in a different way - through the law. I am now a criminal barrister with a growing practice in animal related work ranging from prosecuting cruelty offences to representing defendants charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Home is in East London where I live with my husband, our teenage daughter, a dog, 2 cats and 7 rabbits. I have followed the League's work for many years and have been impressed by its mission, values and many notable successes. I feel immensely privileged to be given the opportunity to be part of the League's future as a trustee and sincerely hope that I can make a difference to the lives of animals through my contribution.



David Osborne – Trustee

Having been a supporter for many years, I am delighted to have joined the League as a Trustee. I am excited at the prospect of being able to play a part in delivering in an area that has been a passion of mine for so long.

In terms of my professional background, I have spent 35 years in the corporate world, with over 20 years at Board level. My specialism is Marketing and Strategic Planning, and I have operated in roles both in the UK and internationally.

Alongside wildlife, travel is an interest of mine. I am lucky to have been given the opportunity to travel extensively, both professionally and personally. At home in Derbyshire, my wife and I enjoy time with our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

As a Trustee, I am committed to helping the League with its mission to galvanise the public by promoting a kinder society where the persecution of animals for sport is in the past by re-shaping the attitudes of the public to win hearts and minds.

