**Birmingham Botanical Gardens Trustees’ biographies** January 2016

**Martyn Liberson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees**
Director, Emms Gilmore Liberson, Solicitors
Solicitor, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Master of Laws (LLM), ADR accredited mediator, member Property Litigation Association and RICS Dilapidations Forum.
Expert in property law, property management, dispute resolution and litigation.

**Peter White, Deputy Chairman**

Director, Fresh Life Consulting and an Associate of L&R Consulting. MA Town and Regional Planning, an expert in the re-use of historic buildings, development of financially sustainable schemes for socially worthwhile activities, area based regeneration strategies and business planning. In-depth knowledge of funding, project appraisal, financial and project management.

**Kate Hartigan, Treasurer**Chairman, Birmingham Assay Office F.C.M.A, A.C.I.S, M.A. Accounting and Finance, Birmingham City UniversityExperience in senior management, finance, leadership, business strategy and performance management.

**Victor Aspland, Trustee, Horticulture**President, The Cyclamen Society Senior Manager and Industrial Chemist (retired), Albright & Wilson Ltd.CChem, MRSC Over 50 years expertise in horticulture, plantsmanship and the genus *Cyclamen.* Plant explorer and lecturer at national and international level.

**Dr Barry Leadbeater, Trustee, Education**Authority on cryptogamic botany (spore-bearing plants) and Protozoa
Reader in Protistology, Birmingham University (retired). Past President of the Systematics Association, British Phycological Society and British Society for Protist Biology
PhD, DSc London University
Expert in Biology, Natural Sciences and Education.

**Amit Sharma, Trustee, Information Technology**Director, Business Development, Inco Software Solutions BEng and BCom, Manufacturing, Engineering and Commerce Expert in supporting organisations with the creation of innovative web, digital and marketing solutions.

**John Taylor, Trustee, Operations**Board Member, Cadbury (retired); British Athletics Association (retired); Chairman Birmingham and Solihull LiFTCo Ltd and Prima 200 Ltd – public/private partnerships in Health Construction, Non-executive Director Midlands and Lancashire CSU NHS.Expert in leadership, business strategy and project management.

**Anders Jones, Trustee, Property**Partner, Thornton Firkin Chartered Surveyors, Manager, Birmingham OfficeMRICS, RMaPS, BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying and Commercial ManagementExpert in Project Management, Client Representation, Quantity Surveying, to a wide variety of clients in both the public and private sectors on Traditional, Design & Build, Partnering and Measured Term contracts.

**Rachel Graville, Trustee**

Director, William King Ltd
ACA, Chartered Accountant

**Desmond Bermingham, Trustee**

Desmond has worked for over twenty five years in the education sector as a teacher, education adviser ‎and senior manager for government and non government organisations. He is passionate about the power of education to transform lives. He is committed to the principles of social justice and enabling people to make their own contribution - small or large - to make the world a better place. As a trustee for BBG, Desmond hopes to use his experience in fund raising and education to support the work of the CEO and his talented team.

**Harjinder Kang, Trustee**

Managing Consultant, PA Consulting Group; Non-Executive Senior Independent Director, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust; Global Commercial Director, AstraZeneca (retired)Leadership for High Potentials, Harvard; MBA, Warwick; Diploma in Marketing, CIM; BA (Hons) KeeleExpert in Global Sales, Marketing, Planning and Controls Frameworks, Project Management, General Management

**Darren Share**

Assistant Director for Birmingham City Council

MBA qualifications in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Groundsmanship and Waste Management.

Over 30 years experience in Environmental Management, mainly connected to amenity horticulture and Parks.  Currently a National Britain in Bloom judge for the RHS.

**Christine Barve**

Retired fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants with 20+ years experience working in NHS finance including at Executive Director level. MBA from Oxford Brookes University and Diplomas in Horticulture and Garden Design from the Royal Horticultural Society and Pershore College. Working as a freelance garden designer and in a range of non-executive positions in the public and not-for -profit sectors.