

SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NEW NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL ELECTION
(to be held on Thursday 22 March 2018)



RICHARD HANNAY MA JP Committee Interests Marketing and Education

Profession: Company Director

Richard was born in Exmouth, Devon and spent his early years in Brussels and London. He was educated at Winchester College and the University of Bath. He went to Sandhurst in 1985 and was commissioned into The Royal Hussars with whom he served in Germany and England. Richard left the army in 2002 after a tour in Kosovo in 1999 and a procurement job in the MoD covering reconnaissance systems. On leaving the army he joined his wife running and expanding a day nursery in Fulham, London.

They sold their business in 2013 and moved to Crowborough where they built their own home. They moved to another property they built for themselves in Fletching in 2017. They now manage a small property portfolio in west London. Richard was appointed as a magistrate in 2004 and sits in central London at Westminster and City of London Magistrates' Courts.

Richard has always had an interest in the countryside in general and enjoys regular shooting during the season. Richard and his wife Emma have four children aged from 22 through to 7 which keeps them busy enough.

Alexander (Alex) Waters Showground Committee

Profession: Operations Director at Mid-Sussex Timber Co Ltd

Alex was born in Cuckfield and went to school locally until attending Sherborne School in Dorset, followed by 2 and a half years studying Engineering at Nottingham University. He first attended the South of England Show at just 3 weeks old and has been attending and/or stewarding since then. A keen country sportsman who enjoys hunting, shooting, fishing and still plays league Hockey for Haywards Heath and league Cricket for Horsted Keynes, if time allows a round of golf as well.

After a car accident changed his university plans Alex travelled around Australia for a year concentrating work efforts on a sheep station outside Wagga Wagga, this interest continues at home with helping his mother and neighbour's flocks.

After returning from Australia he started work for a cargo airline (MK Airlines, Hartfield) climbing to the Crewing Manager position within a 7-year period until the airline went into administration. Work then took him to Doha, Qatar to run the aircrew for the Qatari Royal Family VIP Airline, this living and working abroad lasted just over 2 years before he made the move back to Sussex and joined the Family business, Mid-Sussex Timber where he has been for the last 5 years. Alex's work has given him the opportunity to travel the world and work with lots of different people and cultures which he continues to enjoy.

HOWARD WOOD Agricultural, Education & Development and Sheep, Pig & Goat Committees

Profession: Retired Teacher

Howard was born in Halifax West Yorkshire and attended Hipperholme Grammar School before training as a teacher of Rural Sciences. In 1976 he took up a teaching appointment at Oathall Community College Haywards Heath charged with developing the school farm into a whole school teaching resource. A thriving Young Farmers Club enabled the farm to show its pedigree livestock both locally and nationally, with great success.

He retired from teaching in 2014 having helped to set up the School Farms Network with support from HRH The Prince of Wales, which quadrupled the number of school farms. He was also an examiner and moderator for several examination boards, latterly being a judge for the teaching awards organization.

Currently he is a governor of Plumpton College and a long-term member of the Society's Agricultural Education & Development and Pig, Sheep & Goat Committees. Howard has been a commentator at the pig sections of both the South of England and Heathfield shows for many years.

A trustee and Vice President of Sussex Young Farmers, Howard's other interests include spending time with his family, walking in the countryside and watching both rugby and cricket.