

## **TRUSTEE NOMINEES' STATEMENTS 2020**

### **Ray Blackburn**

Involved with the protection and enhancement of Hackney's environment, from No Through Road campaigns in the late eighties, to Dalston Conservation Areas Advisory Committee since 2008 (currently secretary), I believe that what we have in our borough has special value, and if supported and nourished, will foster a more "rooted" community. I became a Hackney Society Trustee in 2014, and took responsibility for the events programme because as a tour guide I know the value of walks, talks and visits in getting people involved and spreading the word. Given the chance I will try to continue this work.

*Proposed by Nick Perry and seconded by Wendy Forrest*

### **Wendy Forrest**

I've lived in Hackney since the early 70s but, having recently discovered eight direct relatives buried in Abney, could maybe stretch that connection back to the 1850s. Work with Friends of Hackney Archives and Stoke Newington CAAC has shown me the effort and persistence it takes to protect Hackney's past and future. The Hackney Society has been doing that since before I arrived and I'd be glad to now do what I can as a trustee.

*Proposed by Nick Perry and seconded by Tony Gillett*

### **Monica Blake**

I have lived in Hackney since 1980. I have long been interested in the urban environment and in promoting high quality architecture. During my 14 years on the Hackney Society management committee, I have served as Acting Chair and Vice Chair. I am Editor of Spaces and a contributor to the books Hackney – Modern, Restored, Forgotten, Ignored and Hackney: portrait of a community 1967-2017. For nine years I was a member of the Clapton CAAC (Conservation Areas Advisory Committee).

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## **Laurie Elks**

I have lived in Hackney since 1972. My main interest is historic buildings and preservation of the built heritage. I am a trustee of Hackney Historic Buildings Trust and custodian of St Augustine's Tower. I have also had longstanding campaigning interest in the preservation of the Lee Valley Park. I am also an existing Trustee of Hackney Society and have regularly led walks and contributed to Spaces. I was the Commissioning Editor of Hackney Society's recent publication, Hackney Portrait of a Community.

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## **Tony Gillett**

I have enjoyed being the Treasurer for many years now. I am a keen supporter of the work the Society does, and this is my way of showing my appreciation. The work of the Society and the informal involvement of residents are vital to ensuring Hackney is a good place to live and work. I am also secretary of the Clapton Conservation Areas Advisory Committee. My skill set is budget managing, and minuting meetings.

*Proposed by Nick Perry and seconded by Wendy Forrest*

## **Julia Lafferty**

I have lived in Hackney since 1981 and was a founder member of the campaign to restore and open Sutton House as a visitor attraction and an amenity for the community. I have served on the Hackney Society Executive Committee for a number of years and have contributed to various Hackney Society publications. I am a member of the Friends of Hackney Archives for whom I have authored articles for Hackney History magazine. I also serve on the committees of Clapton Conservation Areas Advisory Committee, Clapton Arts Trust and the Friends of Clapton Cinematograph Theatre.

*Proposed by Nick Perry and seconded by Wendy Forrest*

## **Nick Perry**

I am IT manager for a legal publisher; lived in London since 1996 and Hackney since 2001; elected to Management Committee of Growing Communities (non-profit sustainable food organization based in N16) between 2005 and 2016; Chair of Clapton Conservation Areas Advisory Committee (CAAC) since 2011; member of Stoke Newington CAAC since 2011; Hackney Society Trustee, 2012-15 & 2017- present & Director (non-Trustee) 2015-17. Deal regularly with the Council and Councillors on matters I have an interest in and knowledge of - especially housing, planning, technology and publishing.

*Proposed by Wendy Forrest and seconded by Tony Gillett*

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