

## **Trustees Seeking Election at the 2019 AGM**

**The following Trustees are seeking election at the 2019 AGM**

### **Mark Turner**

Mark retired in 2014 following a successful career in commercial law, during which he was a partner and head of the technology group at a prominent international law firm. Since retiring he has become a qualified executive coach and an Associate Fellow at the Oxford Saïd Business School. He has considerable experience of charitable organisations, including advising and coaching CEOs and chairs of trustees in the management and development of charitable organisations. Mark moved to rural Surrey several years ago and is a long standing member of several local and national countryside charities.

### **Peter Sutton**

I grew up on a mixed farm in Leicestershire and from this experience developed a keen interest in plants, animals and ecology such that I went on to study for a degree in Plant Sciences at Cambridge University. I then started work as a scientist in agricultural research with ICI, and have just retired after a very interesting 40 year career. I worked variously as a field trials biologist, multi-discipline project manager and global product development manager and very much enjoyed being able to travel widely to visit farms and farmers.

For the last 15 years my role was as an Environmental Stewardship manager and as an ecological risk assessor. One key aspect of my environmental stewardship has been in creating projects to enhance farmland landscapes and wildlife biodiversity. Operation Pollinator is the flagship project that we created, it has been fantastic to work with farmers and advisors on this and to see this implemented in agricultural-environment schemes on farms across the UK and Europe. We also developed programmes for biocontrol, farmland birds and Water Friendly Farming. Following my interest in horticulture I was recently appointed to the Royal Horticultural Society science committee.

Plants, nature, wildlife and landscape have always been my passion, and we have visited many areas of natural beauty and wildlife on our holidays. Now as I have retired I intend to devote more time to local wildlife conservation and recording with the SWT. We have been members of the SWT since moving to Surrey 30 years ago. I am also a member of other natural history groups such as the British Trust for Ornithology, Plantlife, the Surrey Botanical Society and the Friends of Normandy Wildlife group. I am active as a recorder and regularly complete wildlife surveys in the area (the Breeding Birds Survey and butterfly survey on Broad Street Common, a plant/vegetation survey for the National Plant Monitoring Scheme on the Pirbright ranges and also a farmland bird survey on farmland near to Hascombe).