

SHARP 2023 AGM:

Officer, Trustee and Committee Member Nominee Election Addresses

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Sam Atkins	Trustee and Treasurer	Ellie Blakelock
<p>I am new to SHARP having attended as a BERT and volunteer in 2022. I offered my help to the organisation when the changes happened and it became clear new trustees would be needed. My background is in the charity sector as I set up a youth arts charity, Small World Cultural Arts Collective in 1999 to provide sustained creative activity to disadvantaged young people, and have been running it since then. I have covered pretty much every aspect of charity administration over the last 24 years including finance; policies; safeguarding; AGMs; reporting to trustees and dealing the Charities Commission and Companies House. Over this time I have brought in around £1.25million to support young people in the town I live in.</p> <p>I have served on several committees in my local area and been treasurer for three different charities in the past.</p> <p>I have had a lifelong love of archaeology and I would regard it as a privilege and an honour to be able to support SHARP in its future years and use the skills I have honed running Small World in a very different setting but an organisation with very similar aims of access to all regardless of background.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Terry Baxter	Trustee	Richard Hancox
<p>I have been at SHARP each year since 2001. During this time, I have filled a variety of roles including site management, fieldwalking organiser, excavation supervisor and first aider. Currently I man the information centre engaging with the public and hopefully raising funds for the project by selling anything I can. Originally part of the reformed 2008 committee, I am still a committee member and visit and act as an advisor to the Docking history group on their digging weekends.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Sophie Beckett	Committee Member	Hannah Gibbs
<p>Sophie Beckett has worked with SHARP since 2002, after attending first a BERT course and then Human Remains (HR) course. Sophie joined the SHARP team as a human remains supervisor in 2005 and has since taught on the human remains course, each year. In 2018, Sophie took on the role as co-lead of the Human Remains Team and from 2021, she has attended committee meetings with the role of HR representative. She has also delivered several National Lottery Heritage Fund grants for SHARP, as well as published several journal publications, conference presentations and posters.</p> <p>As part of the Human Remains team, Sophie is working on writing a monograph publication based on the osteological findings for individuals excavated from the Early Medieval (Anglo-Saxon) cemetery at Sedgford. Sophie has led the recording of SHARP's disarticulated human bone assemblage and following the success of a recent collaboration on aDNA research, is currently applying for funding to support further aDNA analysis. Sophie is also SHARP's Digital Trenches</p>		

Team lead and administrator of the virtual learning platform. She has developed Digital Trenches content and is working on creation of online courses, a new income generation venture for SHARP. Alongside her work with SHARP, Sophie is a part time lecturer in Forensic and Archaeological Biominerals and a freelance osteologist

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Andrea Beckham	Committee Member	Richard Hancox
<p>I have been a part of SHARP in some capacity since the very beginning, starting as a member of the very first supervisory team in 1996. I went on to become one of a group Directors who ran SHARP until I officially stood down from the role in 2003. During this time I coordinated SHARP's Educational Programme for which we won the 2002 British Archaeological Awards, Pitt Rivers Award, Graham Wester Laurels; developed and taught the Basic Excavation and Recording Techniques Course (BERT), wrote the BERT Handbook and directed excavations at West Hall Paddock, Ladywell Field and Saggy Horse Field. Since 2003 I have kept in touch with SHARP, helping and supporting as and when need. Now semi-retired I have the time to return 'home' and again devote some time to the project. I have been a Committee Member since the beginning of 2023 and would like to continue in this role.</p> <p>I've worked in commercial archaeology for the last 27 years both in developer-led field archaeology and as a curatorial local government archaeologist - a Historic Environment Records Officer (HERO) for Norfolk County Council's Historic Environment Record (NHER). The NHER is the comprehensive and definitive database of all archaeological activity, sites, finds, cropmarks, earthworks, industrial remains, defensive structures and historic buildings in the county. One of my responsibilities in this role was to liaise with community groups and metal-detectorists across Norfolk so I bring a wealth of knowledge and local/regional contacts to SHARP.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Dr Eleanor Blakelock	Trustee	Sam Atkins
<p>I have been with SHARP since the year 2000, taking a small break between 2002 and 2009. When I returned in 2010 I came back having done a degree in archaeological science which included 12 weeks of excavation experience in commercial archaeology (with three different units). I also returned with a MSc and PhD in archaeometallurgy, and acted as SHARPs metallurgy consultant.</p> <p>I have worked on and off at the malting site since it opened in 2013. In 2018 I was made a director of the malting trenches. In 2021 Neil asked me to take on his role of director of excavations, and I am responsible for ensuring the many sites we excavate are dug, recorded and published to the best of our ability.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Yvonne Bolton-Smith	Trustee	Ann Smith
<p>I first came to SHARP in 2014 when I did my BERT course and a week of excavation. I have since returned to SHARP every summer.</p> <p>I took on the post of site photographer in 2016 and have continued in this role ever since.</p> <p>I became secretary to the committee and a trustee, being voted in at the AGM in 2018. I have continued in this role but am stepping down this year to give someone else a chance at the role.</p>		

I would like to remain on the committee as an ordinary member and would like to be considered for the position of trustee.

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Daniel Cockling	Trustee	Ellie Blakelock
<p>I first dug with SHARP in 2018 as a university student to pick up new skills alongside my studies, having previously dug at Bamburgh, and was invited back by Neil and the rest of the committee in 2019 to help supervise the excavations. (As an aside, I probably should change my photo on the website as I do look particularly young there). I had intended to return in 2020 too, but the closest to that I could get was using data from the cemetery excavations as part of my MA dissertation. I now work in commercial archaeology, excavating sites ahead of development (mostly) in the north of England, but recently became a committee member because I feel that SHARP has a lot to offer, and I have a lot to give back to SHARP for giving me the chances it has done. My work so far has led me to help set up new social media accounts to further the work we do, but a key part of my job onsite is as part of the excavation team, focusing on training both beginners how to excavate and record archaeology, as well as those wanting to go further and continue in the archaeological world. There aren't many groups like SHARP, opening up archaeology to ordinary people, and I am again standing to continue on the committee to help the project grow and continue doing what it does best.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Gareth Davies	Trustee and Chair	Richard Hancox
<p>Former Director of SHARP 1999-2007, former committee member 2000-2006. Long time friend of SHARP. Contributor to a number of SHARP publications. Recently contributed to SHARP conference and now a committee member again.</p> <p>Experienced meeting chair and senior leadership role in the York Archaeological Trust.</p>		

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Hannah Gibbs	Committee Member	Sophie Beckett
<p>Hannah Gibbs has coordinated the analysis of animal remains at SHARP for the last two seasons. She coordinates a team of students and academic researchers. Last year this included publishing details of two of the whale vertebrae we have at SHARP (recovered a previous season). Hannah was also asked to contribute to articles in local press and speak on BBC radio about this. The team works to analyse material on site during the season in coordination with other post-excavation teams. The team will also support excavation teams with analysis of material as it is recovered. Aims for the team include to make the material more accessible for researchers not able to travel to SHARP, and for young local people interested in exploring archaeology.</p> <p>Hannah splits her time between living in Snettisham and working in London with University College London. Hannah has an academic and professional background in archaeology. Her work and research focuses on how communities can work with "accredited" researchers on research about their local environment that matters to and benefits them. This takes the form of work with communities in in Sommers Town in London, and with Indigenous communities in Brazil, Thailand, and Borneo. She is passionate about how volunteers and the local community can benefit the work and research done at SHARP, and how academic and professional members of the SHARP team can benefit the local community.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Richard Hancox	Trustee and Secretary	Steve Horn
<p>I was a BERT trainee in 2018, returning to SHARP each subsequent year it has run, and became a supervisor in 2022. I 'answered the call' to join the Committee in 2023 and latterly became its acting Secretary. I undertake the role of welfare officer for SHARP and wrote its updated behaviour policy, as well as introducing a risk register, which I now maintain. I'm also helping to run SHARP's initial 'Craeft' week, specialising in making copper wire jewellery. I firmly believe in the ethos of 'people's archaeology' through involvement of the membership at AGMs and wider participation directly in the running of SHARP by extending the number of Trustees. I have therefore worked hard to help SHARP restore voting rights to its membership as a member of its Constitution Working Group, and also want to encourage wider participation as Trustees.</p> <p>I have a degree in English and Latin Literature from Warwick University, and completed a masters in Cultural Archaeology at the University of Birmingham in 2020, attaining a distinction and winning the Cadbury prize for my dissertation on Copper Age awls. I held a number of Board-level posts within a 30-year career in the NHS, and on my retirement was the Director for Clinical Networks, including cancer and cardiac services, across the West Midlands. I attained a professional qualification as a Chartered Public Finance Accountant, and also have a Diploma in Management. Besides archaeology and crafting, I have an extensive list of other interests, including family, painting, photography, birdwatching, beer and country wine making, and latterly country dancing. I also run the local U3a Philosophy group.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Tiggy Harris	Trustee	Lucy Harris
<p>I have been involved with SHARP for many years although have only recently taken up a more active role with the Project. I did the BERT course back in 2015 and have done little bits of digging over the years but now prefer to help with other aspects of SHARP.</p> <p>I joined the Committee in January 2023 and took over management of the SHARP website soon after this. I keep the website up to date with information about the Project and our excavations, our courses, and other events. The website also enables people to book for the season so the payment system needs to be monitored.</p> <p>I am a part of the media team and help to run SHARP's social media accounts, promoting the Project and sharing what is going on onsite. Primarily, this is a promotional or advertising tool for SHARP to help get people interested in what we are doing and hopefully book on one of the courses or as a volunteer.</p> <p>The other thing I do for SHARP is maintain a relationship with the Campbell family, our landowners, and act as the main contact between them and the Project. This is a role I took over after the loss of my father, Neil, in 2022 as it was through his friendship with the Campbell family that SHARP first came to be back in 1996.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Stephen Horn	Trustee	Richard Hancox
<p>I have been involved with SHARP since 2001, having attended every excavation season since then. I have dug on Boneyard, New Trench, Roman Project, Airfield, Eaton Mill, Saggy Horse Field, and Trench 24.</p> <p>In 2021, I was invited to be a Supervisor on Trench 24, and since then I have additionally taken on the responsibilities of Site Manager and Health & Safety, and held an interim position on the committee for the last 9 months.</p> <p>I am committed to Neil's vision of democratic archaeology where opportunities are available for all, and I have a strong belief in fairness, equality and respect for others. Having recently retired I feel that I am now in a position to give back to SHARP, using my skills and knowledge. My career was with the UK Government in the maritime sector, and included internal audit, health & safety and legislation development. With these skills, my practical approach to problem solving, and my DIY abilities, I believe I have a lot to offer SHARP in helping the organisation move forward, both as a committee member and trustee.</p>		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Bill Howard	Committee Member	Ann Smith
<p>I have been working on the SHARP project for almost 15 years now, having done my BERT course in 2009. Being retired my focus has shifted from the actual excavations to support tasks and work on the Post-Ex side. I am planning to assist the Finds team this year and support Anne in the Bulk Finds area with cleaning and recording.</p> <p>Each year, after the season ends, I also scan and file the on-site records so that documentation and research can have on-line access to these from around the country and so that SHARP is less vulnerable to data going missing or lost. The other thing that I do is to digitalise the drawings produced in season using a CAD package, note that this takes a bit of time so will not be online until the autumn.</p> <p>This year I hope to be part of the team reviewing the way we currently store our information and see if there are ways we can make it more assessable and structured so as to support our research projects in more effective ways.</p>		

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Kali Saint	Committee Member	Owen Morgan
<p>I joined SHARP in 2017. I started off as part of the catering team and was asked to take on the role of kitchen manager in 2019. In 2019/2020 I requested to be considered to join the committee as a catering representative, which was accepted by the committee. And in 2022 I joined the welfare team.</p> <p>SHARP has become a big and valued part of my life, it provided me with a community in which I have felt accepted and supported to thrive as a person and as a chef/catering manager. When I joined the committee, it was because not only did I think the catering team needed a direct representative to communicate both the catering needs for the team and the catering facilities required to ensure SHARP continues to have a functioning kitchen that can adhere to food safety laws; but also because I wanted to do more to help SHARP in any way I</p>		

could.

I believed I could offer an outsider's perspective, can offer up questions others may not have, and at the time also give a different view due to being younger than other committee members and coming from a different path of life.

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Owen Morgan	Trustee	Richard Hancox
In 2015 I first came to SHARP to complete the BERT course, as a little experiment to see if archaeology was something I was interested in. Since 2017, I have attended every digging season and have found SHARP to be a special place, not only in the archaeology but also the community that is present. I have been a trench supervisor for a number of years, and this past year joined the SHARP Committee to help contribute more to SHARP.		

Name:	Nomination for:	Nominated by:
Ann Smith	Committee Member	Anj Beckham
I have been with SHARP since 2000, when I completed BERT and became a regular volunteer until becoming a supervisor in 2008/2009. My roles include Finds Processor, Friends Coordinator and coordinator of school visits. I would like to remain on the committee and feel it is important to have someone local to sort out site issues out of season.		