

**MALCOLM WHARTON CBE**  
Interim Chair



Effective 7 October 2019

Malcolm Wharton has spent all his working life in agriculture and land-based education, including 22 years as Principal of Hartpury College and is a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College. Malcolm has extensive experience in equestrian sports developing the Hartpury Equestrian Facility and organising and directing major equine events including World and European Championships.

Malcolm's board experience includes 6 years as a Director of the Rugby Football Union, including chairing the RFU Community Game Board, he is currently Chair of the Rugby Football Foundation, a Trustee of the British Eventing Charitable Trust and an Honorary Vice President of the Riding for Disabled Association.

In 2012 Malcolm established his own consultancy business specialising in strategic development in the Educational and Sports sectors.

Malcolm was awarded the CBE for Services to Education in 2012. Malcolm supports his wife Sarah in her grassroots equestrian sports' endeavours acting as groom and lorry driver.

**JULIA BIDDLE**  
Nominated non-executive director



Effective 30 October 2017



Julia Biddle's experience spans many areas of equestrianism. A law graduate of the University of Reading, it was while studying that she first took ownership of a horse and soon competed in all three Olympic Equestrian disciplines, which she continues to do today.



A few years as proprietor of a show venue have been followed by periods as both Area and Regional Representative for British Showjumping. Julia is a non-executive director of British Showjumping and was involved in a restructure to ensure good governance principles. Although no longer a show organiser, Julia is a British Showjumping Judge and long-term national sponsor.

Based on the family farm in Essex, Julia has a particular interest in the development of young talent, both equine and human. She has supported several riders, helping them fulfil their potential on the national and International stage.

<p><b>CHRISTINE BLACKFORD</b> Nominated non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Christine Blackford is Finance Director of the Newhall Group and joint Managing Director of the Group's trading company, Newhall Publishing, where she leads the Publishing Agency business. Christine has held senior management roles for a variety of companies across a number of sectors in the North-west.</p> <p>Christine graduated from the London School of Economics with a BSc (Econ) and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA).</p> <p>Over 35 years ago, Christine learned to ride and acquired her first horse, who was with her for nearly 25 years. Christine currently has three horses, adopted from the Horse and Pony Protection Association (HAPPA), in need of a knowledgeable and caring home. Actively involved in the equine community, Christine recently stepped down after completing the maximum of six years as voluntary Treasurer of the British Horse Society, during which time she contributed to the successful change strategy that has driven forward the delivery of the Society's charitable objectives.</p>
<p>Independent non-executive director</p> <p>VACANT</p>	

<p><b>JESS COOK</b> Council-elected non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Jess Cook has over 14 years' experience of working in disability sport. She started her career in Cornwall as the Disability County Sports Development Officer. She then joined English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) as a Regional Development Manager in the South East and East regions, supporting the County Sports Partnerships with inclusion and development of activities for disabled people in the regions.</p> <p>Jess has progressed with EFDS to work with national governing bodies of sport on a wide variety of strategic outcomes, from support and guidance to the development of national strategies and organisational changes for a more inclusive approach. She also works with national disability charities to support a better link between sport, physical activity and disabled people.</p> <p>Jess has always been very passionate about sport and inclusion for disabled people, having had first-hand experience when she competed over several years as an international swimmer. She attended both World and European championships until 2000, when she retired due to injury.</p>
<p><b>TIM HOLDERNESS-RODDAM</b> Nominated non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Tim Holderness-Roddam was educated at Radley College, followed by military service in the King's Royal Hussars. He is joint owner of West Kington Farms/ West Kington Stud &amp; Stallion Centre.</p> <p>He had a 30-year career at Tate &amp; Lyle plc (UM Group), culminating in the role of MD of the United Molasses Group, responsible for the worldwide trading, storage and distribution business.</p> <p>Since retiring from the City in 2000, Tim has held a number of consultancy and non-executive roles. He is senior consultant to Bristol Port Company, which handles much of the import/export trade for the west of England; and a consultant to and former director of Abercrombie &amp; Kent, the luxury and tailor-made travel business.</p> <p>Tim is a trustee of the pension fund of Countrywide Farmers plc and former deputy Chair; Chair of the British Equestrian Federation Fund; Chair of Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials; Director and Chair of the Finance Committee of British Eventing; and Deputy Chair of Friends of Conservation.</p> <p>Tim is married to Equestrian Olympic Gold Medallist, Jane Holderness-Roddam.</p>

<p><b>MARK JEFFREYS</b> Interim Independent non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective November 2019</p>	<p>Mark Jeffreys has worked in sport and education for over 25 years. Currently Director of Sport and Physical Activity at Birmingham City University, his role is based around developing an infrastructure for sport so that students and staff can engage in sport and physical activity at any level.</p> <p>Mark has worked in sport throughout his working life. His relationships with a wide range of national governing bodies of sport have furnished him with a deep understanding of the sporting landscape and the challenges that all sports face.</p> <p>Passionate about sport, Mark's main sport is Rugby Union, where he played as a junior international and he has also coached at international.</p>
<p><b>BARRY JOHNSON</b> Council-elected non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Barry Johnson qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Liverpool. He founded Oakhill Veterinary Centres and was senior partner of what is one of the largest practices in the North-west.</p> <p>Whilst a practising vet, Barry was an elected member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Council, becoming its President in 1993 and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 1994. As a member of RCVS Council, he chaired many of its main committees and was involved in many changes to the governance of the profession. In 2017, he was awarded the RCVS Queen's Gold Medal for outstanding achievements to the veterinary profession.</p> <p>Barry has many years' experience serving on charitable boards, including The Animal Health Trust, Newmarket and World Horse Welfare. He retired as Chair of World Horse Welfare in 2016. He has also been an independent non-executive director of the British Greyhound Racing Board.</p> <p>Selected to be High Sheriff of Lancashire in 2013, Barry now serves as a Deputy Lieutenant of the county.</p>

<p><b>QUINTIN CORNFORTH</b> Council-elected non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 1 March 2021</p>	<p><b>DRAFT</b></p> <p>An engineering graduate of the University of Birmingham, Quintin is an entrepreneur of the automotive industry, who set up his first business at the age of 23 and continued building businesses in this sector until selling his last company in 2000. He has since undertaken a number of consultancy roles and has sought to give back, both to the industry in which he forged his career, as well as to equestrian sport, in which he has been involved for 20 years.</p> <p>With a keen interest in compliance and standards and experienced in finance, project management, GDPR and negotiation, Quintin also developed a sound knowledge for Safeguarding through his role in an educational trust. Quintin has been a Trustee and Governor of The Princethorpe Foundation since 2008. The school provides co-education from reception through to Sixth Form to children across Warwickshire and its neighbouring counties.</p> <p>In terms of his equine interests, Quintin has been Treasurer of the UK Polocrosse Association since 2009 and was one of two directors responsible for delivering the Polocrosse 2011 World Cup held in the UK for the first time.</p>
<p><b>LISE-LOTTE OLSEN</b> Nominated non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Lotte is a Chartered Accountant and business graduate with many years' experience of providing professional training, business consultancy and financial management to a wide range of clients including professional firms, corporations and not-for-profit entities.</p> <p>She has previously served as Treasurer and Commercial Affairs Director of the BEF. This followed a term of office as the first Finance Director of British Dressage when it was established as a separate legal entity in 1998.</p> <p>Lotte is a former Chair of Governors of Writtle University College, and on completion of her extended term of office, was recognised for her services to education and the University College with an Honorary Doctorate Degree of the University of Essex.</p> <p>A keen participant in dressage as an amateur rider and judge, Lotte is the current Chair of the Eastern Region of British Dressage, complementing her personal involvement in the sport and helping to make the sport accessible to others at a level that is appropriate for them.</p>

<p><b>KEVAN TAYLOR</b> Senior Independent non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 1 February 2018</p>	<p>Kevan Taylor has a wealth of experience at director level in four sports - athletics, lawn tennis, football and rugby union; a FTSE 100 media company and a range of private companies.</p> <p>He holds a Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, England and Wales and qualified as an Associate of ICAEW at the age of 22.</p> <p>From 2011, he was Group Finance Director of UK Athletics, retiring in September 2017. As part of that role, he was Chief Financial Officer of the 2017 World Athletics Championships. Prior to joining UK Athletics, Kevan ran his own consultancy, providing services in performance management, business strategy and growth. He supported the acquisition of two professional football clubs; a new digital business; and the merger of two trust and administration businesses in Geneva.</p> <p>Kevan was Finance Director of the Lawn Tennis Association from 2007-2009; CEO of Stockport County AFC from 2004-2006; and Chief Financial Officer of Latium Management Services from 2002-2005. Earlier in his career, he spent almost 20 years in television at Granada plc (now ITV plc), rising up from the role of management accountant to Finance Director of Granada Creative.</p>
<p><b>CLAIRE WILLIAMS</b> Council-elected non-executive director</p>  <p>Effective 30 October 2017</p>	<p>Claire Williams is the Executive Director of the British Equestrian Trade Association. BETA is the leading representative body working on behalf of over 800 UK equestrian-related businesses in manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing sectors. It is recognised as the equestrian trade's representative body by Government and leading riding organisations and is a member of the British Equestrian Federation.</p> <p>Claire was born and educated in New Zealand. After completing a Master's degree in Modern Languages and History, she developed a career in business consultancy and export market development. In 1991 Claire took up a Europe-wide development and sales role for a NZ company based in Germany, where she remained for 10 years, dealing with sales, management and marketing.</p> <p>In 2000 she moved back to the UK when appointed Chief Executive of BETA and in 2004 the role was widened to her current position, adding responsibility for the Association's wholly-owned subsidiary EMC Ltd and its highly successful Trade Fair, Beta International and publishing arm.</p> <p>Alongside her BETA role, she also sits as a director on the Animal Medicines Training Regulatory Authority.</p>