



## APPENDIX 2: Profiles of members standing for election as Trustees

Candidate	Why am I applying?	What can I bring to the organisation?	My connection with Hastings
<p><b>Dr Rebecca Rosen</b></p> 	<p>I am applying to become a trustee of Hastings Commons CLT because of my interest and expertise in the relationship between strong communities (in which people know and support each other and have access housing and work opportunities) and the health and wellbeing of the people in those communities.</p> <p>As a GP for the last 25 years, I have worked with hundreds of people whose health is affected by the situation in which they live and work. There is plenty of research to show that health services have a limited impact on health and that wider social factors– including housing, work, poverty, family and social relationships and social isolation – are equally important determinants of health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The work of Hastings Commons in rebuilding both the fabric and the social community of Hastings has potential to also rebuild the health and wellbeing of local residents.</p> <p>I understand that health has not been a key focus of your work in recent years but I would like the opportunity to bring this perspective to the organisation – partly as an additional ‘lens’ through which to analyse the impact of your work and partly</p>	<p>I can bring enthusiasm and energy to support the work of Hastings Commons to regenerate the old town and White Rock neighbourhood.</p> <p>I’m a problem solver and I enjoy teamwork and creating change from the bottom up. As a professionally qualified as a GP and in public health medicine I can bring knowledge about initiatives to improve health and wellbeing and I am keen to look for opportunities to increase the impact of the work of Hastings Commons in relation to health. For example, working with members of Hastings Commons to improve their understanding about how to access information about staying well and how to access health services when necessary. I have links with colleagues and organisations that focus on improving health and knowledge of funding streams for which Hastings Commons may be eligible to enhance the impact of your current projects on health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>I have been enjoying Hastings for 25 years, first visiting my parents after they moved to East Sussex and more recently as a resident of Fairlight. I have watched the town evolve over this time from a run-down holiday resort to a more vibrant, diverse and lively community and I am keen to play a part in its further development. I was a member of the Universal Health Care Network led by Becky Malby and I have worked with the Refugee Buddy Group to support newly arrived refugees to settle into Hastings.</p>

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<p><b>Darren French</b></p> 	<p>Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Darren French and I'm 39 years old.</p> <p>I am currently an ambassador/ champion for National CLT Network 2022- present, and a former trustee for Hastings Commons CLT from 2018-2023.</p> <p>Having been involved with the Hastings Commons for a number of years and having had the privilege of being a former trustee I know what is expected of me and won't shy away from the hard work.</p> <p>I had to take some time away last year due to personal reasons and must say I missed being involved with all aspects of the commons.</p> <p>I am very passionate about the Commons/ CLT and believe that what the team is doing could be the answer to bringing our town centre back to life.</p>	<p>I want to be a trustee to ensure we keep our main charitable objectives but more importantly be a voice for the local community.</p> <p>I feel like I can really help getting people on board with the various different projects and helping people understand our different approaches to regenerating buildings and spaces in Hastings.</p> <p>I believe I can make an impact within the organisations helping both the staff and wider community.</p>	<p>Although I wasn't originally born here I have lived in Hastings for over 25 years and consider it to be my home town.</p> <p>Moving here in 1998 at the age of 13 from Brixton was a big adjustment and something I struggled with initially however I'm happy to say that Hastings is a town I've grown to love and enjoy all the differences and quirks the town has to offer.</p>