

## **Election of Vice President 2017**

### **Additional Information**

## **Helen Tranter, BSc, MSc (Reading); CMLi; PGCert (Oxon)**

I offer time, energy, enthusiasm and experience that can help create an outward looking Institute that works for everyone, and works for landscapes. I fully support the ambition to grow our membership and broaden our reach. I hope this will result in a better balance between design and management, the public and private sector, large practices and small, urban and rural, London and the regions. Our profession has a vital role in creating, directing, shaping, restoring and preserving landscapes. We need to adopt a common sense and pragmatic approach, with realistic objectives and a 'can do' attitude.

Some examples I recommend are:

- future staff appointments to include some landscape professionals;
- adopting the RICS model to broaden the LI, without losing the identity of individual specialisms;
- finding a means of fast-tracking long-standing, experienced licentiates into Chartership;
- facilitate more affordable training and CPD events, delivered locally;
- produce a Public Sector Directory;
- encourage members to write for the Journal;
- continue to support the landscape library and archive; and,
- commission a Ladybird Book of Landscapes

I am a landscape manager, historian and an ex-trustee of GreenSpace. I have been a Branch Rep, LI Honorary Secretary, and am currently Chair of the Public Sector Working Group. I ask you let me build on this experience to help make our Institute bigger, better and more influential in the future. It needs to work for all landscapes, and all landscape professionals.

Current membership of other organisations: Ramblers Association, National Trust, Berkshire Gardens Trust, Isle of Wight Gardens Trust, Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, Historic Farm Buildings Group, FOLAR (Friends of Landscape Library and Archive at Reading)

Proposers:

- Helen Neve
- Bettina Kirkham
- Robert Holden