

## **STEVEN CLEVERLY**

*Nominated by David Rudling and seconded by D Escott*

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The Sussex Archaeological Society has so much to offer those of us interested in the county's heritage and history. Through its heritage sites, staff and volunteers, collections, research and educational openings and indispensable yearly publication, it is a unique body with strong values.

These values and assets are precious and need safeguarding.

I believe in what the Society is trying to protect and achieve – because I share their ideals.

Understanding that the Society faces challenges, chief amongst these the necessity to realise a healthy financial balance and restore reserves to a much higher level, I do not feel I could be on the outside 'just looking in', missing on the chance to make a meaningful contribution.

Having attained further education qualifications in Archaeology at O, A and Degree level, I am active in organising fieldwork projects with my local archaeology society, Chichester & District Archaeology Society (CDAS).

I have experience of Committees and as a Trustee.

- I was a past Treasurer for CDAS
- I am a former Fieldwork Chair for CDAS
- I sit on the CDAS Fieldwork Committee
- I regularly attend the Sussex Archaeological Forum on behalf of CDAS
- I am a Trustee and Treasurer for the Council for British Archaeology South-East

Assisting the Society to secure financial safety would be a priority for me. But if successful in my application as Trustee, I also believe that

- The Society needs to reach out to similar archaeological and museum groups, supporting like-minded educational and research aims across Sussex
- Review its own research aspirations
- Understand how it may support the 'next generation' to understand and explore their heritage and history