



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SECURITY PROFESSIONALS CHARITABLE TRUST

Meet the Board

The Trust has 12 Trustees including the Master of the Company who serves as an *ex officio* trustee.



Chair
Claire Palmer

Claire is Chair of Trustees, having been appointed from 1 February 2020. Claire is a self-employed barrister practising from 5 Essex Court based in the Temple (just inside the City of London). She regularly represents Police forces and Government clients in a variety of public law (including inquests and inquiries), civil claims and employment as well as acting for individuals and businesses. She was appointed to the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel in March 2019.

She is a Deputy District Judge (part time civil judge) and a Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Claire joined the Company in 2015 and became a Liveryman in June 2019. She is a former member of the Service Affiliates Committee and became a Trustee in 2018.

Claire played rugby at university, although now sticks to watching England. She tries to keep fit by running and completed her first (and maybe last) half marathon in 2019. She loves gin and is particularly partial to small batch gin.



Trustee
Kate Bright

Kate is a Chartered Security professional with almost 25 years frontline private client facing experience in the Private and Family Office sector, as a Personal Assistant (PA), Executive Assistant, Chief of Staff and Family Office Manager, latterly, Close Protection (CP) Operative, and finally Secure Lifestyle Advisor as CEO & Founder of UMBRA International Group (UIG) – a unique Security Concierge and Secure Lifestyle services across the generations of international clients & their families. Under her leadership, UMBRA is on a mission to make security and the industry more accessible, and regularly speaks on the topic of Invisible Security, having delivered a Ted talk in 2018.

Kate is a Liveryman in the WCOSP and became a Trustee in April 2020. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Companion of the Institute of Leadership & Management and sits on the British Army Gender Advisory Council. Kate is an ambassador for the veteran charities 'Supporting Wounded Veterans' and 'Veterans Aid'. She is also a Trustee of the Hypatia Foundation focused on gender impact philanthropy and has a personal interest in making an impact in the areas of reduction of Violence against Women and Girls and Domestic Abuse, bringing more diversity into the Boardroom and enjoys mentoring young people, especially those struggling to find their way. Kate has lived in Clapham for 22 years and is a member of the Clapham Society. When she is not watching sport, particularly rugby, or undertaking a physical challenge for charity, she loves to travel internationally for both work and leisure, and is a Grade 8 pianist and aspiring DJ!



Trustee
Steve Marshall

Steve is a Liveryman of the WCOSP. He became a Trustee in January 2018, at which point he had over twenty five years of professional sales and leadership experience primarily within the Security Industry. His successful career spanning over three decades with a Security Distribution company building subdivisions with impressive annual turnovers, high staff retention and long lasting client/team relationships.

In 2021 Steve took the decision to support his family business and joined them in property management and development and remains a Trustee of the WCOSP CT. Amongst other roles, Steve manages applications to the Security Benevolent Fund. Having spent so many years within the Security Industry, Steve sees this as an opportunity to help those in need or are in difficult times through no fault of their own. In his spare time he has a passion for music and is a keen player of the acoustic and electric guitar.



Trustee
Ashley Fernandes

Ashley has over 25 years' experience working at all levels of Security and Risk Management within the Commercial, Retail, Government, and Aviation Sectors across the EMEA region, and is the Current Chairman of the City Security Council (CSC). He is the Executive Director - Corporate Security at ICTS UK & Ireland with responsibility for Corporate Guarding, Electronic Security, Canine, and Consultancy services, working with a number of prestigious global blue-chip clients.

Ashley became a Trustee in 2020 and is a Liveryman of the WCOSP. A serving Magistrate, Ashley is also a Committee Member of the City of London Crime Prevention Association, Fellow and Global Advisory Council Member of the Institute of Strategic Risk Management, Trustee of the City Security Council, Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute, Committee Member for the Security Consortium for the Prevention of Suicide, and a Member of both the Security Institute and ASIS UK Chapter.

Ashley is married with two young children and when not spending time with the family he tries to keep up with a number of hobbies including clay pigeon shooting, playing golf (badly!), and weather permitting, trying to get out on his boat currently moored in Brighton Marina.



Trustee
**Peter Fraser-
Hopewell CMG,
MBE**

Peter was Head of Group Security for Enrichment Technology (ETC) Company Limited from October 2008 to January 2019. ETC Ltd operates in the Nuclear Power industry manufacturing, transporting and installing proliferation sensitive equipment where appropriate Security is a key priority for the CEO and Board.

Peter joined ETC Ltd after a long and interesting Army career within Conventional and Special Forces.

Peter joined the WCOSP in 2009 and became a Trustee in April 2020. He is the Trust's main point of contact for Friendship Works (a mentoring charity) and PTSD Resolution (offering support to veterans with PTSD). In addition he is a member of the WCOSP Services Committee. Peter also works as a volunteer with the veterans' charity, Combat Stress, as their Area Representative in Essex, Suffolk and South Norfolk plus a co-opted member of their fundraising, marketing and communications committee. He also works as a mentor with the Seckford Foundation charity in their springboard scheme designed to assist and advise under 26 year olds about access to education, employment and training.



Trustee
Rob Atkin, MBE

Rob has been a member of the Company since 2017 and a Trustee since 2022. Rob is a serving Chief Superintendent in the City of London Police and is responsible for Uniform Policing services across the City Police area. Rob is also responsible for the Volunteer Police cadets who undertake a range of community-based projects and policing duties supporting numerous events across the city. The Trust has proudly supported the work of the cadets and their work through financial support. The Trust also supports the annual magical taxi tour through sponsorship, which sees the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriages and their members take terminally ill children to Disney Land Paris each year. Rob is involved in organising the police escort for this event which is a truly humbling experience.

Rob was awarded the MBE in 2014 for his service to the Police Charity Care of Police Survivors which supports the families of Police Officers and staff killed in the line of duty. Rob is the blue light lead for the annual Sherriff's Award for bravery, an award that is funded through the charitable trust and recognises selfless brave acts of members of the public and those that have demonstrated bravery in their work in the security and wider blue light services. Rob is also an active member of the Services Affiliates Committee.



Trustee
Bill Collier

Bill is the Assistant Clerk to a City of London Livery Company, as well as the Lead

trainer for Clear Choice Training and is one of the National Mental Health First Aid delivery officers for St John Ambulance. He became a member of WCOSP in 2021 and became a Trustee in June 2022.

Bill previously worked in the Prison Service, becoming a suicide and self harm prevention lead trainer for the Kent cluster of establishments and became an ACCT assessor trainer and manager, training Prison Officers and staff in the processes to risk assess those in need or crisis within the prison population.

Bill joined the Special Constabulary in 2008 and has had a varied voluntary policing career including deploying as part of a specialist Marine policing team during the 2012 Olympics and being Awarded an Outstanding Bravery Award in 2017. He currently holds the Portfolio for Specialist Training and Deployment for all volunteers in Kent Police while still finding time to get out and deploy as an operational police officer.

Bill holds qualifications in education, Counselling, and behaviour therapy as well as a range of outdoor and adventure qualifications meaning he was able to support young people both inside and outside of the classroom environment. Bill is currently also an ambassador for the College of Policing, a Champion for Police Care UK, member of the Kent Network of Women (KNOW), President for the Bromley Royal Naval Association and a Trustee for Chislehurst Sea Cadets.



Trustee
Devon A. Johnson

Devon was appointed a Trustee in February 2023. Since her inrolement as an Apprentice in 2019, she was elected Deputy Chair of the Young Members' Committee for which she started an education program to promote professional development and education in the various sectors of the security industry. She hosted the program's inaugural event, the Intelligence Seminar, and assisted in the organization of the follow-up Intelligence Workshop. To celebrate the partnership between the Livery and the U.S. Embassy, she facilitated the event, "An Evening Out", at Spencer House.

Born in the United States, Devon lived in seven different States before moving to London to earn a BA in History and International Relations and an MA in War Studies at King's College of London in addition to a Postgraduate Diploma in Law. During her Masters, she advised the MoD on its High North strategy and defence capability development, a highlight of her academic career. From the age of fifteen, Devon worked for a multi-million dollar commercial real-estate start-up as the youngest and only female to sit on the executive leadership team.

In her spare time, she enjoys writing, reading, traveling, athletics, and cultural activities. In October of 2022, she signed with a literary agency in New York.



Trustee
Joseph McGee

Joseph is the founder of Securitatem Consultancy (in 2016) which specialises in the global protection of individuals and high-value commodities. In 2019 Joseph lead the team into The Securitatem Group: a group of very specialised companies within the security industry delivering high-end bespoke solutions for industry, governments and private clients, nationally and internationally.

Joseph served in Kent Police, as a Specialist Firearms Officer concentrating on Hostage Release, Instructing and was a Tactical Advisor supporting all levels of firearms command and control. Joe was a qualified Close Protection officer protecting UK government cabinet ministers and visiting dignitaries. He also worked for The Serious and Organised Crime Agency as an Armed Surveillance Officer and National Firearms Instructor. He deployed to Afghanistan, Colombia, and Trinidad to deliver specialist training, and as a Tactical Advisor during the 2012 London Olympics.

Joseph is a Liveryman of the WCOSP and was appointed a Trustee in February 2023. He is also a board member of the Women in Security Academy. In his spare time he enjoys flying light aircraft and woodland management.



Trustee
John Davies

A graduate in Chemistry from University of London, John Davies began his working life at British Aerospace Military Aircraft Group in 1979. In 1981 he moved to Litton Industries Inc. and worked in Japan, Singapore and USA. In 1993 he established a business in Malaysia for a Canadian environmental services company, and in 1997 on return to the UK took up a directorship at Zellweger Analytics and moved to a telecom software start-up in 1999.

John joined TDSi in 2003 when it was owned by Norbain SD Limited and led the management buyout in February 2005. TDSi became part of the Vitaprotech Group in 2019 – a group comprising of 14 companies worldwide with 430+ employees and turnover of £70m.

John is active with the BSIA (British Security Industry Association) and is currently serving as Chairman of its Access Control and Asset Protection Section and has also acted as an industry representative on several HMG groups associated with UKTI/DIT.

John joined WCoSP in 2010 and was liveried in 2020. Subsequently he took a role as an Apprentice Master in 2021 and was appointed as a Trustee in 2023.

Nick is a civil servant, currently working as a policy adviser on Russia/Ukraine in the Cabinet Office International Affairs Unit. He joined the civil service in 2020 working in the Ministry of Justice before moving onto the Home Office as an Assistant Private Secretary for the Security Minister. He is also a Richmond Fellow of the Royal Navy Strategic Studies Centre which provides research to help shape Royal Navy strategy and policy.



Trustee
Nicolas Markantonis

Nick joined the company in 2018 as an Apprentice attached to current Master Russell Penny. Nick subsequently went on to be granted Freedom of the Company and the City of London in 2023. He was actively involved in setting up the University Royal Naval Unit apprentice pipeline which sees one member of the unit join the company each year on the recommendation of the commanding officer. Nick also sits on the Young Members Committee and was appointed a Trustee in 2023.

Nick studied War Studies and History at King's College London, graduating in 2020. Whilst at university, he was a member of the University Royal Naval Unit, a 3-year Royal Navy training programme for students. There, he spent time on Royal Navy warships including HMS Puncher during NATO Exercise BALTOPS 2018 and HMS Westminster as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group 1.

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