



Sue Bartlett (CoM Minutes Secretary, Planning & Conservation, Website) spent the majority of her working life as a landscape architect in Manchester, predominantly in urban areas plus a few encounters with the grounds of listed buildings and conservation areas. She has been continuously involved in CGT dealing with planning issues, website and keeping the CoM on the right track.



Ed Bennis (CoM Chair, Planning & Conservation, Website, Student Travel Bursary) involved in the Trust from the beginning, and with far too many years as Chairman! A landscape architect with an MA in Historic Conservation, he was Head of Landscape Architecture at Manchester Metropolitan University. Research into historic parks and gardens resulted in nearly 20 years involvement in EU projects related to gardens and tourism.



Margaret Blowey (Events) has been a member of the Cheshire Garden Trust for several years, following acquiring a small Japanese Garden designed by Graham Hardman. A constant attendee along with husband Henry here and abroad, she has also helped at the CGT stands at the RHS Tatton show. Margaret's experience of governance has been extremely useful to the Trust on several occasions.



David Cash (Strategy) is an architect who retired as Chairman of BDP and is first to volunteer for anything! Recently elected to the CoM, David has been a member of the Trust for eight years during. He has particularly enjoyed lectures and garden visits (including the trips abroad!). An enthusiastic gardener, David has a key role organising the successful 'Wilmslow Wells for Africa' Open Gardens Day at the end of June each year.



Gordon Darlington (Events, Foreign Garden Tours) has spent all his working life in senior management on a wide variety of landscape projects both in this country and overseas. Chairman for BALI North West for several years, he is currently a Member of BALI's Standards Working Group and a Vetting Officer. Gordon was also made an Honorary Life Member of BALI in 2011. A member of CGT and now serving on the Committee.



Nick Lightfoot (Student Travel Bursary) is Garden & Collections Manager at Ness Botanic Gardens. He leads a team of 9 staff and approx. 100 volunteers and is responsible for garden master planning, plant collection policy, collection management and a new glasshouse project. Nick previously worked in a garden designed by Thomas Mawson and recently for the National Trust. His qualifications include the RHS Master of Horticulture and an MA in Garden History. He originally trained as an archaeologist and has a BSc in Ancient History & Archaeology.



Dr Joy Uings (CGT Treasurer and Company Secretary) was an administrator in the charitable sector, ending her career as Head of Finance for a Housing Association – probably why she has been Company Secretary and Treasurer for the Trust! She was the Trust’s first Newsletter Editor (2004-17). Once she retired, she gained a PhD in Garden History and spends most of her time working on the Caldwell Archives Project. The most sensible of all, she has a gardener