

**Annual General Meeting**  
**7.30 am Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**Portland College, Nottingham Road, Mansfield, NG18 4TJ**

**Board structure and nominations**

The 2020 Board of Directors have developed and agreed a more forward focused, business centric structure to better support our local businesses.

This is as a result of:

- Requested feedback from our 2020 members as to our future direction
- The proposed Devolution for the East Midlands in 2024
- Government schemes such as the Shared Prosperity Fund, Levelling Up, and Local Skills Improvement Plans amongst others.

The seven key areas we have identified are:

- Business Support
- Education, Employment and Skills
- Environment and Net Zero
- Inward Investment
- Local Authority Representation
- Membership, Growth & Visibility
- Transport and Infrastructure

As a result, the Board has approached members of the 2020 business community with the skills and expertise required to lead on these themes so that we can build a strong voice that is a fair representation of the needs of our local businesses.

In usual circumstances, the Board would fully support nominations and act as proposers. However, in this instance the board have been very involved in gaining interest from prospective board members and therefore in the interest of transparency we ask the membership to play an active role in proposing and seconding the nominees when asked to do so at the AGM.

In addition, to allow for a period of settling in, new board members will be formally appointed as Directors in September 2023.

**The nominees/retained board members are:**

### Business Support



**Hev Bingley (Nominee)**

Hev lives in Hucknall and has been a member of 2020 for many years and runs a successful business

consultancy, Calluna Associates, specialising in Investors in People accreditation and business support. Hev is a business adviser for the Gedling Borough Partnership working with start-ups and SME's. Hev brings a wealth of business support experience.



**Jane Box, 2020 Chair**  
(Elected Jan 2021)

Jane has a passion for helping others to maximise their full potential. Having achieved a senior management level within a major high street bank, Jane set up her own training company that worked globally to help both SME's and top 50 FTSE companies. Jane now has her own property company, managing her own portfolio and others. She believes that "Mansfield and Ashfield is a great place to do business. Our spirit is strong and working together we can create even greater success".



**Martin Rigley MBE**  
(Nominee)

Martin is the Managing Director of Lindhurst Engineering Ltd, based in Sutton in Ashfield and represents local businesses in many different areas nationwide. Martin has a strong background in engineering and a real passion for STEM related projects. He is the Chair of the North Notts Manufacturing Network and is a qualified coach and mentor.

### Education, Employment and Skills



**Emma McLaughlin (Elected Jan 2022)**

Emma is a Director of Mansfield based recruitment firm, Fresh Start Recruitment, and Innisdoon Estates. Emma works with many of our local employers to source suitable candidates and brings valuable information that helps us to identify employer challenges and local skills needs. Emma sits on the Advanced Distribution and Manufacturing Centre steering group to keep abreast of technological developments and express local business needs to decision makers.



**Louise Knott, 2020 Vice-Chair**  
(Elected Nov 2021)

Louise is the Vice Principal of West Notts College (Communications, Engagement and Student Experience) and has worked in further education for 25 years. Louise has a passion for the power of FE to transform our next generation. Outside of college, Louise sits on a number of educational and strategic boards. Louise is qualified to Master's level in corporate communication. Prior to working in further education Louise was a journalist, working on a range of local and regional titles.

## Environment and Net Zero



**Hayley Wood (Nominee)**

Hayley is the owner of Wood's of Westgate, a beauty salon based in Westgate, Mansfield.

Wood's of Westgate were our New Business of the Year 2022 after Hayley demonstrated very strong business acumen. Hayley is also a university lecturer and was previously a governor at a local university technical college focused on manufacturing. Hayley has a passion for sustainability and believes all businesses should strive to do less harm. She successfully lobbied MDC last year to help with small business recycling collection in the town centre.



**Marc Johnson (Nominee)**

Marc is the MD of Mansfield based LivePay who have been a member of M&A 2020 for well over 25 years.

LivePay were awarded the Customer Focus Initiative at last year's 2020 business awards. Marc has a BSc (Hons) in Business and IT as well as a degree in Payroll Management. Sustainability and the environment are important to Marc both personally and professionally. It is just part of everyday life and makes good business sense. They have recently extended the solar array on the roof of their offices, and they also drive electric vehicles!

## Inward Investment



**Ian Jephson (Nominee)**

Ian is a very well-respected local businessman who, until recently, was the

Director of Operations at Jephsons Shopfitters. Having taken on the management role from his parents, Barry and Kath over 20 years ago, Ian went on to expand the business nationally, becoming well known for their shopfitting expertise in fast food chains such as Costa Coffee and KFC. Having successfully created an Employee Ownership Trust, Ian has handed the reigns to the existing employees. Ian has also previously been a governor for an education trust and is a great believer in giving back to the community.



**Jeremy Hague (Nominee)**

NTU recently became Patrons of M&A 2020 following the development of the university hub at the

West Notts College site. Jeremy has been keen to get involved with the work of our Board as he knows the value that NTU can bring to our local business. Jeremy has responsibility for the development of programmes to support SME's and economic and social development with local authorities and other regional stakeholders. Jeremy has been a key partner in the Enterprising Ashfield programme and other recent work with Mansfield District Council.

## Local Authority Representation



**Cllr. Matthew Relf,**  
**Ashfield District Council**  
(Elected January 2021)

Matthew Relf is an Independent Councillor at Ashfield District Council.

His work there was instrumental in securing the recent government investment which will see significant development in the Ashfield area.

Alongside this, Matt also has his own innovative small business and has a wealth of previous experience in the tech industry.



**Executive Mayor**  
**Andrew Abrahams**  
(Elected November 2019)

Andy Abrahams is Mansfield Elected Mayor and sits on the 2020 board

to learn the needs of business in the local area. His previous roles include Chartered Civil Engineer and Maths Teacher. Andy is very passionate about working on behalf of everyone in the local area.

## Membership, Growth and Visibility



**Louis Brown (Nominee)**

Louis was recently appointed as a Director of Bee Noticed and has been a valued member of the

Mansfield and Ashfield 2020 community for over 3 years. Louis is passionate about the local area and is keen to attract younger members to join our growing business community. He has recently completed the Help to Grow Leadership and Management programme through NTU and is looking forward to putting his new knowledge to good use.



**Stewart Rickersey**  
(Nominee)

Stewart is a very well-known member of the local community and was a founding member of Mansfield 2010 when we were set up back in 1991. Stewart is very passionate about our area and M&A 2020. He is keen to see the membership grow to reflect the size and stature of our local business landscape. Stewart was the Managing Director of the Chad newspaper for many years before founding our local good newspaper 'The News Journal' with an aim to spread more positivity throughout the area. He is a member of the Mansfield Rotary Club and The Armchair Club. In recent years he has provided consultancy services in sales, marketing, and business.

## Transport & Infrastructure



**Cllr. Matthew Relf,**  
**Ashfield District Council**  
(Elected January 2021)

As a district councillor Matt has a keen interest in the development of local rail infrastructure and has been campaigning for the restoration of the Maid Marian line as a possible solution to the excess traffic caused by commuters from Derby on the A38.



**Executive Mayor**  
**Andrew Abrahams**  
(Elected November 2019)

With a previous career in Civil Engineering, Andy is interested in looking at the local road networks to improve congestion and commuting issues.

## 2020 Member Champions

All of our Board members are unpaid volunteers, and the new Board structure will see us working on some important key areas moving forwards.

Our Board members all have existing commitments, so time for additional projects is limited. To mitigate this, we have paired members under our themes to maximise the benefit that we can create. To further increase our ability to make an impact in our local communities, we will be asking existing members and external stakeholders to get involved in key projects throughout the year as Member Champions.

Please take time to consider whether you could offer some valuable support, on an ad-hoc basis, on any of these themes. This could be a particular skill set or area of expertise, either through volunteering your time with our Board members projects or by offering some pro bono support to our members to add value to their business or the local community.

Our Member Champions will not be required to commit a set number of hours per year. We will however expect you to commit to the completion of a project or service that you agree to, thus ensuring we deliver on our objectives.

We are here to create opportunities for growth and enrichment of our local businesses and communities and hope that every member of 2020 can play an active part in achieving our mission.

If you are able to support us, please get in touch.