# Members of The Howard Partnership Trust (THPT)

## Shirley Trundle

Shirley was appointed as a Governor of the Howard of Effingham School in 1998 and served two terms on the Governing Body. She subsequently served as a Governor at Thomas Knyvett College and as a Trustee of the original Howard Partnership Trust. Work pressures elsewhere led her to resign from the Trust at the end of 2013, but she returned as a Member in 2017.

Shirley recently retired after a long career in the civil service including many years working in the Department for Education on schools and children's services policy. Most recently she worked at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as Director for International Biodiversity and Climate. She has also worked in the Department for Work and Pensions. As well as being a specialist in policy development, she delivered major programmes. Shirley served two years as a non-executive director at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

## Ian Wilson

Ian is a Trustee of SESSET, a secondary-phase MAT in Surrey and has recently stepped down after being Chair of THPT for many years. He is an education consultant, National Governors Association (NGA) consultant, and a DfE External Expert. As a former Principal Consultant for Schools in Surrey, with prior headship experience in the Secondary phase, Ian led many courses for Babcock 4S as well as other organisations on issues ranging from the use of data to dealing with leading teams. Formerly a member of the Education Committee of the Royal Society, Ian is currently a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and of the Royal Society of Arts.

Highly experienced in supporting and challenging secondary and primary schools, ranging from those with outstanding practice to those causing concern, Ian has carried out many reviews of leadership and of teaching in both phases. His work outside Surrey has included projects advising the Isle of Wight and Bedfordshire on school re-organisation, and extensive school improvement work in Reading.

Ian's publications include two mathematics textbooks, a guide to ICT for parents, and (as co-author) the latest edition of "Effective School Management". For many years he reviewed maths publications and ICT software for the Times Educational Supplement.

## Linda Kemeny

Linda served as a Trustee from 2019-2023 and was actively involved on the THPT Business & Finance, Standards & Performance, and People, Pay & Performance Committees.

A former Surrey County Councillor, Linda has had a long career across the County with a focus on key issues affecting education in the local communities. As Cabinet Member for Schools until 2017, with accountability for both revenue and capital budgets across the County's Children's Services department, leading on all matters relating to Education, training and skills in Surrey including work with FE colleges and on building good relationships with all schools and educational settings in Surrey. Championing school improvement across the county, Linda supported Surrey's Education team to deliver around 15,000 new school places.

Prior to taking early retirement, Linda's career in corporate finance included Assistant Treasurer at Costain Group Plc financing major capital projects, followed by Group Treasurer and later Financing Strategy Director at Thames Water Plc, arranging and managing multi-million-pound investments, funding, and negotiating insurance facilities with banks and financial institutions worldwide. She is a Fellow of the Association of Corporate Treasurers. An active supporter of voluntary services, Linda served as Chairman of the Woking Branch of the Alzheimer's Society, leading the Branch to be awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. She was a Trustee of Woking Association of Voluntary Service and is currently a Trustee of Citizens Advice Woking and Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Royal British Legion.

**Bindi Sarl**

Bindi most recently worked with Surrey County Council as School Improvement Manager, working in partnership with Local Authority officers, to deliver a consistent, coherent and rational strategy for the improvement of Surrey Schools. Bindi retired from this role in August 2020. As a former Senior Consultant for Schools in Surrey (April 2013 to March 2019), with prior leadership experience in the Secondary phase, Bindi led many courses for Babcock 4S, including issues such as developing middle leaders, assertiveness training, improving learning and teaching of Science in the primary and secondary phases. Bindi's role also involved challenging and supporting school leaders to effect change.

Bindi has also worked with Kings International College in the role of governor until the successful inspection in 2022.

**Ron Searle**

Ron taught in Kent, Sussex and Surrey for 30 years, 20 in senior leadership, and twelve as Headteacher, taking two schools from categories to Good and Good with Outstanding features. He served on the corporation of a General FE college, was a governor of a primary federation and continues to serve as Chair of Trustees of an Alternative Provision Multi-Academy Trust (IET). Ron was Chair of the Surrey Secondary Headteachers' Council, sitting on the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board, SEND Governance Board, School Improvement Partnership Board and Schools Forum. In 2018 he received a Pearson's National Teaching Award for 'Headteacher in a Secondary School'. He is now a consultant working with primary, secondary and all through schools across England and is independent Chair of the Surrey Alternative Learning Programme Central Board. He is a member of the Oasis Community Learning Monitoring and Evaluation Team and provides School Improvement Advisory support for the Schools Alliance for Excellence (SAfE), working with Surrey's Maintained secondary schools and alternative provisions.