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Keighley Town Board

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Tim Rogers (Chair)
Future Transformations Ltd

Tim is the CEO of Future Transformation and brings a wealth of experience to this role. A native of Keighley, Tim is dedicated to bridging the digital divide and address climate change.

He is a fellow of the University of Bradford, chairs the Digital Makers Operational Board and serves on various STEM-focused boards in the region. Additionally, he also advises on policy and skills as a member of the DSIT Cyber Security Board.



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Charlotte Meek (Vice Chair)
The Stitch Company

Charlotte started her business The Stitch Society in Keighley in 2013, which is based in Mantra House. Having successfully been awarded an Innovate UK Grant in 2023, she is now working to develop sustainable options for garment manufacturing.

Charlotte was involved in setting up the Textile Academy at Keighley College. Working closely with a number of private and public sector organisations, she delivers a number of training programmes that advocate for sustainable sourcing and manufacturing.

Charlotte is also on the Board for Bradford Manufacturing Week and involved in the Bradford Science Festival.



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Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw

Portfolio Holder – Regeneration, Planning & Transport (Bradford Council)

Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw provides political and strategic direction for the Council in these areas as well as housing, homelessness and the Council's estate management.

As Portfolio Holder, Alex is leading on a number of key projects for the Council, including transport investments on Hard Ings in Keighley and the Shipley Canal Road Corridor. He is also works closely with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and key stakeholders.



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Robbie Moore MP

Member of Parliament

Robbie Moore is the Conservative MP for Keighley and Ilkley, and has been an MP continually since 12th December 2019. He currently undertakes the role of Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

Robbie has worked for a variety of charitable causes, which has included being involved in a loneliness programme which provided a 'buddy service' for those with learning difficulties.

Robbie has also served as a County Councillor on Northumbria County Council for the Alnwick Ward and stood in the 2019 Northumbrian Police and Crime Commissioner by-election.



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Catherine Birks
CBRE / Airedale Resident

Catherine has a background in strategic regeneration with direct experience of complex regeneration programmes and implementation of delivery strategies through public and private sector collaboration.

Catherine lives locally in Airedale and is passionate about projects which create locations for communities to flourish through placemaking, engagement and partnership.

Having held senior regional and national roles in the public and private sector, she currently leads CBRE's Yorkshire Development Team and was previous Executive Director at LCR; an arm's length regeneration business of Department for Transport with a track record in long term strategic projects including Kings Cross and Manchester Mayfield.



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Liz Barker
Worth Valley Magazine

Liz was the former Vice-Chair and Interim-Chair of the Keighley Towns Fund Board and current founder of Worth Valley Publishing Ltd. She has lived in the area for over 25 years of which 17 has been as a business owner, serving local people, businesses and visitors.

Liz was awarded the 2012 Inspiring Woman of the Year at the Lord Mayor of Bradford's International Women's Day Awards. She is experienced in creative services and communications and brings to the board an entrepreneurial mindset with an embedded community focus.



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Georgina Webster
Keighley Creative

Georgina is the Vice-Chair of Keighley Creative and has lived in or near Keighley for 30 years, attracted to the town by its superb scenery and friendly people.

Keighley Creative is the hub for creative skills, cultural events and broader cultural regeneration in the town. She also Co-Chairs the districts Equalities and Community Relations Strategy Group, part of the Stronger Communities Partnership.

She is an avid supporter of Bradford City Football Club and Bradford Women's Football Club.



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David Warren
Luminate Education Group

David has extensive experience in raising public funds for major capital projects, ranging from £1m to over £20m per projects. This extends to the successful completion of these buildings.

He is experienced in sustainability and net zero governance for capital development projects and has significant experience in improving the physical, economic and social aspects of urban regeneration.

He sits as a volunteer trustee on other arts institutions regionally and lives locally in the Aire Valley.



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Kevin O'Hare
Keighley College

Kevin O'Hare has been the Principal at Keighley College since December 2021. Prior to this, he worked at Leeds City College heading up the Visual and Digital Arts Department.

Kevin's experience spans various educational roles, from teaching to leading departments.

He has a strong track record of improving teaching standards and departmental growth. His specialist area has been arts education for many years and served as a trustee at East Street Arts.

He is passionate about the positive impact of culture on communities and the potential vocational education it has to transform lives.



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Cllr Abdul Shohid
Keighley Town Council

Abdul currently works as a chef in a local restaurant, as well as being a Town Councillor, representing Knowle Park. He is the chairman of the Lund Park Community Group, and a founding trustee of the Subhaniya Welfare Trust.

Abdul served as the chair of Community Development 2022-2023 , the chair of the Event and Leisure Committee 2023-2024 and represented as an Activist of the Bangladeshi Community.

He is passionate about making a difference and has the experience to battle in all aspects of development, funding, and opportunities. Abdul is an advocate for a just and inclusive society.



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Rukun Ahmed
Computer Gentle

Rukun is the owner of Computer Gentle in Keighley, which specialises in PC and laptop sales and repairs, covering Yorkshire and the surrounding areas.

Keighley born and bred, Rukun is working towards his PGDip at Bradford College in the field of Computing. He is a qualified drone pilot and has a huge interests in arts, Japanese antique swords, horse riding and clay pigeon shooting.



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Fazeela Hanif
Highfield Community Association

Fazeela has been the Manager of the Highfield Community Association for the last 16 years. She is a huge believer in partnerships and collaborative working to meet the needs and demands of the communities she serves.

She was born in Keighley and has over 25 years' experience in youth and community sectors. She is a strong advocate for change in particular for children, young people and women.

In her spare time, she enjoys long drives, travelling and has a passion for scent which led her to opening a small scent and gift store in the heart of Keighley.



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John Barker

West Yorkshire Police

John has been the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Keighley since the end of 2021, with the responsibility for local policing delivery in the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Area, covering the six wards of Keighley Central, Keighley East, Keighley West, Worth Valley, Craven and Ilkley.

John has been a Police Officer for over 17 years, predominantly spent in front line uniform policing. He started his career in North East Leeds, working on both 24/7 Patrol and Neighbourhood Policing Teams at both PC and Sergeant rank. John moved to Bradford District on promotion to Inspector in 2017 as one of the District Patrol Inspectors, leading one of the 24/7 Patrol teams dealing with ongoing incidents, crimes and critical incident management.

John has been the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Keighley for just over two years, overseeing the Neighbourhood team comprising of Sergeants, Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers, who provide the visibility, engagement and proactive policing in the local the community and work with partner agencies to tackle the issues impacting the community.



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Helen Robertshaw
Keighley BID Manager

A Keighley resident, Helen brings three decades of diverse business experience to her role with Keighley BID. Her career has spanned both multi-national corporations and SME start-ups, giving her unique insight into the full spectrum of business challenges.

Helens commercial expertise spans many sectors, providing her with a comprehensive understanding of what drives business success in today's competitive landscape. Passionate about revitalising her hometown, Helen is dedicated to helping members of the Keighley BID thrive. As BID Manager, she champions town centre businesses, encourages residents to shop locally and ultimately aims to create a thriving business environment which provides employment opportunities to the community.



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David Pearson

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

Born in Keighley in 1955, David was educated at St. Anne's Primary and St. Bede's Grammar Schools before entering Yorkshire Bank in 1973. Since that time, he has held several managerial roles across training and development before establishing his own company before retirement in 2015.

David is a published authority on British Railway History with an emphasis on the monarchy. David holds an MA from York University in Railway History and is a Fellow of numerous professional and academic bodies.

David is married to Elaine, who is a county standard golfer, with both residing in Haworth.

David was Gazetted Deputy Lieutenant
in December 2013.



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