

I am Carol Bantock and I am presently the Chair of Trustees at Yarborough Academy. I have been a trustee for a number of years and although it can be a challenging position it can also have its rewards. I am also named governor for SEND and work with the present SENDCo Mrs Walton and deputy SENDCo, Mrs Harries.

As part of my role, I endeavour to complete any training necessary to help me be effective when chairing or attending committee meetings. I am part of the three committees that meet termly, these being Resources, Welfare and Standards. I meet with Mrs Albery regularly on a more informal basis, to get the pulse and temperature of the school as it were.

The academy has been on an exciting journey since the introduction of the YA way, CARE and neuro-kind philosophy now at the core of our community. I have shared this journey from the early beginnings and have watched with interest its development.

As a retired teacher who served 23 years at the school, I am emotionally entangled with what happens within Yarborough Academy. I want, as you do, that our young people are given the best opportunities to learn to be themselves and be armed with the highest skills on their forward journey.