

David Nibloe – K&ESR Candidate Statement

I became a volunteer at the railway having moved to the area in 2017 and can be found most weeks guarding passenger trains. My passion for steam railways is in the blood – three generations of Nibloes served on the Great Eastern Railway, starting with my 3xgreat grandfather in the 1840s.

I joined the Finance Committee in 2019 and at the K&ESR AGM that year I was appointed to the Board.

Prior to moving to within walking distance of Bodiam station in 2017, I spent a thirty-year career at HSBC Bank. I have sought to contribute the skills and experience that I gained in my professional life for the benefit of our Railway as together we have operated the charity in a time of unprecedented challenge from the external environment.

During my career I was a commercial manager and divisional credit manager, dealing with organisations such as our own as they planned for the future, expanded, and in some cases sought to turn around unsustainable performance. In my final post I was head of change management at the bank, leading major projects across the globe with a team of over 2,500 and a budget of over £350m.

I also have a passion for engendering positive values and culture with organisations. One of the things that draws me to the railway is that, at our best, we are friendly group of people working together to give our passengers a memorable day out whilst preserving a history that is so important in our living museum.

Over the last three years on the Board, I have continued to serve on the Finance Committee supporting the Finance Director as we faced the pandemic and all its ramifications, I have been an active member of the Fundraising Working Party leading our work on grants which has been successful in achieving awards of over £700,000 in the period, and have been involved in the consideration of investment cases as a member of the Project Investment Committee. I am the Trustee with responsibility at Board for tracking our progress against the K&ESR strategy to 2024. This year I was the programme manager for our innovative educational partnership with Tower Hamlets Educational Authority and The Terrier Trust CIO (of whom I am also a Trustee), which saw us reach a new and diverse audience.