

## **KESR AGM 2024**

### **Election of Directors – Candidate Information**

#### **Neil Sime**

I am 63 and have been a member of the K&ESR since 1973 and a volunteer for much of that time mainly in the Operating Department, although I have done a wide variety of other jobs around the railway over the years and have served as a Trustee since 2018, being Safety Director for much of that time.

Professionally, I have worked in the mainline rail industry for 45 years and spent the first 15 years undertaking roles in Control, Operations and Train Crew Supervision, Customer Services, Train Planning, Resource Management and Contract Management.

In 1995 I set up Victa Railfreight Ltd which provides operational, safety and logistics support services to customers and suppliers in the rail freight sector. As Managing Director I have overseen the development of the business which now has a UK nationwide non-passenger train operators' licence and employs around 75 staff turning over £4m in 2023/24.

I have been a non-executive director of the Railfreight Group since 2002, serving as Chairman in 2020/21, I am chair of the Logistics UK Rail Council and a member of the Institute of Directors.

As part of the K&ESR strategy of actively engaging and encouraging collaboration across the heritage sector to provide a sustainable future, I have been Chair of the Heritage Railway Association Operations & Safety Committee for the past four years, also serving on the Heritage Rail Safety & Standards Implementation Board.

I am married, having met my wife on the railway in 1981 and we have two daughters, my wife and daughters all volunteer when time permits.