

RAB Member Testimonials

Simon Timms



"As a member of the regional board, I see close-up some of the great work the Trust's teams do across the South West - and some of the key challenges they have to deal with. I view my role as acting as a sounding board for the regional director and his team and providing an external perspective on the Trust's current and future plans. At each meeting we discuss a strategic theme to help the Trust chart its way forward. The commitment and expertise of the Trust's regional teams is so inspiring. Serving on the regional advisory board feels a real and lasting privilege."

"Recent issues I, as a SW RAB member, have helped the Trust with include:

- Advising on how to respond to the government's plans for improving the A303 as it runs through the landscape around Stonehenge, a World Heritage Site of international significance.
- Updating National Trust Centres and Associations, who provide such valuable support to the Trust, on priorities across the South West.
- Offering suggestions on how the Trust's emerging South West Coastal Strategy can best be aligned with the work and ambitions of other key stakeholders in the region"

Caroline Kay



"Being a member of the RAB gives me the privilege of insight into the workings of the Trust both strategically and on the ground. In turn I think we can bring an external perspective and differing professional expertise a time when all institutions need to recognise the strengths of partnership and common purpose. We have a lot of fun, too!"

Bob Mark

"As an enthusiastic member of the Trust for over



30 years, it is both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as a volunteer to help protect, conserve and develop our rich national heritage. The range of the Trust's responsibilities is so broad that no-one person can possibly have the full view, which places a premium on team-work, sharing knowledge and learning from each other. The SWRAB provides the mechanism for the region's management team to tap into wider knowledge at the strategic level and, as someone from predominantly a business background, I have enjoyed helping shape ideas and policy with conservation professionals and other colleagues from diverse backgrounds. Debates on the Advisory Board are lively, courteous, brain-stretching and always good value. I cannot commend the experience highly enough and strongly encourage giving it a go!"