

## Biography of Mr J Tretheway

I live in Malvern Wells and regularly walk the hills & commons giving me the opportunity to see at first hand how MHC land is managed.

In the past I have been a District and Parish Councillor and for eleven years until 2007 I was a Malvern Hills Conservator, during which time I played a full part in the Board's activities and for a number of years was Chairman of the then Public Relations Committee and latterly for one year (2006/07) was Board Chairman.

I strongly support the Board's objectives enshrined in its five Malvern Hills Acts of Parliament. My previous experience as a Conservator has taught me the importance of seeing for myself the work that is undertaken on the Hills and, vitally, getting to know Conservators small friendly full time staff dedicated to their duties and led so well by Director Ian Rowat. It is good that in recent years there is now the opportunity for local people to be involved with some of the Board's work acting either as a Voluntary wardens and/or Conservation Volunteers. When I was last on the Board the grazing scheme was introduced which is a huge success. Where appropriate I would like to see more views opened up and paths maintained to facilitate easier access. Always we must ensure that the levy on local people to pay for maintenance is kept as low as possible.