

## EXISTING DIRECTORS

**David Fursdon**- Chair, owner of farming/holiday business, Board SWRDA (Devon)

**Tim Carson** - farmer and Wiltshire Strategic Economic Partnership (Wilts)

**Alastair Fitzgerald**-Arable farmer and NFU (Wilts)

**Melanie Hall**- Regional Director NFU (Devon)

**John Hazelwood**- Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (Glos.)

**Tom Langdon-Davies** -Quickes Farm, Chair, South West Food and Drink, (Devon)

**John Lee**- Beef and cereal farmer, SW Sustainable Farming and Food Chair, (Devon)

**John Matthews**- Owner of diversified Pinkney Park Estate, CLA and (Wilts)

**Catherine Mead**- Director of Lynher Dairies, Cornwall Agri-Food Council, (Cornwall)

**Archie Montgomery**- Miscanthus and renewables methods farmer(Somerset)

**John Mortimer**- CLA Regional Director (Wilts)

**Shirley Preston**- Organic farmer, NFU, (Dorset)

**Andrew Richards**- Partner Francis Clark accountants, SW CoRE Treasurer, (Devon)

**John Varley**- Director, Clinton Devon Estates (Devon)

## Cost of Membership

**Member £150**

*Owner/proprietor of a SW land based or related business.*

*(Entitled to one ticket to each conference per fee paid)*

**Observer £120**

*An organization with interests the SW land based or related sector*

*(entitled to one ticket to each conference per fee paid)*

**Local Authority £450**

*Operating in the SW area*

*(entitled to three tickets to each conference per fee paid)*

**Past Conferences held by SWCoRE include those on:**

**Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy; DEFRA and rural funding; Woodlands; Renewables; Rural skills; Farming and the Environment; Rural policy updates; Sustainable land use; Rural development programme for England; Wealth creation in the rural SW; Climate change and the SW; Beyond 2013- Common Agricultural Policy reform.**

## SW CoRE

South West Chamber of Rural Enterprise

*The South West's independent membership network for rural land based and related businesses*

## ABOUT US



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## WHAT IS SW CoRE?

SW CoRE is an independent membership organisation.

By providing the opportunity for members to debate the issues that are important to them and their businesses; by involving observers from National and local Government and by hosting conferences which attract national and European experts; SW CoRE aims to encourage business growth and development in the land-based and related sector. It remains focused on the policy issues that have an impact on the profitability of Members' businesses.

SW CoRE is a limited company whose directors represent the range of businesses and the breadth of geographical areas in the South West. By avoiding public funding it is an appropriate model for the times and maintains its independence.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Free tickets to three conferences a year on topical rural issues. Similar conferences would normally cost in excess of £75/head per event.
- These conferences attract the top experts in land based businesses; offer access to those who dictate policy that might affect your businesses and enable you to make and retain relationships with other rural organisations and businesses.
- They also mean that policy makers and observers hear your views.

### *Other benefits include:*

- Periodic dinners with policy makers and influencers in the rural field.
- Access to the SW CoRE network of members to compare views, share best practice and promote your business.
- Links to your website from SW CoRE's including opportunity to upload articles and advertisement of your events helping you to promote your business to visitors to the site.
- Opportunity to elect directors to represent your views on the Board

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

### **Farming/Land Owning**

BIAC, CLA, Family Farmers Assoc, NFU, Tenant Farmers Association, YFC

### **Tourism/Field Sports**

Farmstay SW, BASC

### **Forestry**

CONFOR, Forest Enterprise

### **Professional/Business**

ADAS, FSB, RICS, TGWU

### **Wildlife/Environmental**

CPRE, FWAG, NT, RSPB, SW Wildlife Trusts, Woodland Trust

### **Training/Educational**

e.g. Duchy College, RAC, SW Land Based Colleges, Exeter University, Gloucester University, University of Plymouth, LANTRA

### **Agricultural Societies**

Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association

### **Food and Agricultural Associations**

South West Food and Drink, Cornwall Enterprise, EBLEX, EFFP, Taste of the West, Soil Association

### **Rural Businesses**

Clinton Devon Estates, Duchy of Cornwall, Wessex Grain, Savills

### **Banks**

Lloyds

### **Observer Members**

EA, Exmoor National Park, Forestry Commission, SW Tourism, Natural England, Gloucestershire First, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, RCC, Somerset Rural Forum, SW ACRE, SW Protected Landscapes Forum

### **Local Authority Members**

Somerset County Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Wiltshire County Council, Cornwall County Council, Devon County Council, Dorset County Council