Richard Gray (Chair)  
General Counsel Businesses and Regions @ HSBC Group  
Independent Chair, appointed Nov 2018.

Richard has spent 30 years working in the legal and finance sectors in Asia and London and is currently the General Counsel for Businesses and Regions for HSBC based in London.

Richard brings extensive skills to Active Surrey along with significant board experience in the finance sector and working with a national sport governing body (NGB).

Richard lives near Guildford with his family. He is a keen sportsman, playing cricket, tennis and golf as well as jogging and mountain biking.

Born Barikor  
Founder @ Our Parks  
Independent Board Member, appointed Sep 2019.

Our Parks founder Born Barikor, is a former athlete from a council estate in Tower Hamlets. After finding himself with no money to join a gym but wanting to keep fit, Born came up with the idea of creating an accessible pathway to exercise for people with low income. By working with councils, NGBs and development agencies Our Parks offers the public free outdoor exercise classes which now sees over 100,000 people take part.

Born lives in Kingston, is also on the Board of BUCS (British University and College Sport) and is currently training for an Ironman triathlon.

Lead role: None. Member of Commercial Committee.

Clare Burgess  
CEO @ Surrey Coalition  
Independent Board Member, appointed Sep 2019.

Clare is the CEO of Surrey Coalition of Disabled People. She has worked in the third sector for around 10 years, across national, regional and local organisations, working for and with people with a range of disabilities from mental ill-health to sensory loss.

In her spare time, Clare gets outdoors as much as possible. Most weekends the Epsom & Ewell resident volunteers with her local parkrun and loves seeing new people getting hooked! Clare enjoys going off on active adventures and is currently trying to make her way along the South West Coast Path in chunks of 100+ miles and aims to complete her first ultra-marathon in the next year.

Lead role: None. Member of Commercial Committee.

Ian Burrows  
Head of Leisure @ Elmbridge Borough Council  
Nominated Board Member, appointed Oct 2018.

Ian has over 20 years’ experience working in local government, delivering high quality services and advising senior decision makers and elected members. Ian has had a number of roles with Elmbridge Borough Council since 1998 becoming Head of Leisure and Cultural Services in 2006.

Ian has lived in Surrey all of his life and has a lifelong love of sport which has given him a lot of enjoyment playing football rugby and cricket. Still involved in local sport, Ian is Chairman of Worcester Park Cricket Club and is involved as a volunteer with Surrey FA’s management committee.

Lead role: Surrey Youth Games.
John Cunningham
Retired Naval Officer
Independent Board Member, appointed Oct 2017.

John was an officer in the Royal Navy for over 35 years, serving at sea, on land and in the air, around the world. Born and brought up in Twickenham, rugby union is in his DNA, but he has been fortunate (through family, education and career) to always have ample chance and encouragement to exercise and play sport.

Now retired from the RN, he has settled in Woking. He is delighted to be an Active Surrey Board Member, contributing to a cause that is close to his heart, namely that of advancing health and wellbeing through an active lifestyle, by providing opportunity and encouragement across society.

Lead roles: Finance; Senior Independent Board Member; Safeguarding; Member of Finance & Governance Committee.

Paul Dimmock
Director of Commercial Services @ Weydon School
Independent Board Member, appointed May 2016.

Paul has held numerous senior management posts within the sport & physical activity sector over the last 25 years including local authority chief leisure officer, and director of sport at both Brunel University and the Independent Schools Association. Paul has also held voluntary positions at a number of London and Surrey charities/not-for-profit organisations.

Formerly a Team GB canoeist, Waverley resident Paul now coaches and mentors international champions and is the Chair of the International Selection Panel for Team GB canoeing.

Lead role: None.

Ruth Hutchinson
Interim Director of Public Health @ Surrey County Council
Nominated Board Member, appointed Jun 2014.

Epsom & Ewell resident Ruth has lived and worked in Surrey for over 20 years and has a background in health promotion. As Surrey’s Interim Director of Public Health she aims to improve and protect the health of the residents of the county, ensuring a strong focus on improving health inequalities.

A key vehicle for delivering this is to improve the level of physical activity, including sport, across all age groups. Ruth feels that being a member of the Active Surrey Board is a great opportunity to work with colleagues across the county to achieve our joint aims.

Lead roles: Health; Older People.

Julie Iles
Cabinet Member for All Age Learning @ Surrey County Council
Nominated Board Member, appointed Feb 2019.

Guildford resident Julie has been a Surrey County Councillor since May 2017 and became the Cabinet Member for All Age Learning in December 2018. Her portfolio includes education, special educational needs and disabilities, and adult learning.

Julie is keen to promote community sport and committed to increasing engagement of Surrey’s residents in sporting and active pursuits to improve wellbeing and fitness.

Lead role: Education
Abbie Lench
Head of Clubs, Counties and Volunteering @ The LTA
Independent Board Member, appointed Oct 2017.

Abbie has worked in sport for the last 20 years. She played tennis at a national level, gained an LTA Level 5 coaching qualification and devoted several years to managing tennis and multi-sport facilities.

She spent 7 years at the Lawn Tennis Association, developing support for clubs and coaches with a view to increasing participation and the long term sustainability of the game. She has also volunteered time on several Boards including Kent Lawn Tennis Association and is currently a non-executive director of British Water Ski and Wakeboard.

After 4 years at England Golf (the majority as Head of Club Support responsible for developing a comprehensive package of support to help clubs and facilities with their specific business needs), the Runnymede resident has recently returned to the LTA as Head of Clubs, Counties and Volunteering.

Lead roles: Diversity; Females (co-lead). Member of Finance & Governance Committee.

Campbell Livingston
Director @ Active Surrey
Ex officio Board Member, appointed May 2014.

With 25 years’ experience in the sport, media, charity and education sectors, Campbell has been in a number of roles with Active Surrey since 2001 before becoming Director in 2009. Campbell provides the strategic leadership of Active Surrey including supporting and advising the Board and Staff Team. He ensures the county’s Active Partnership includes the widest possible range of partners and stakeholders to ensure joined up delivery of the Surrey Physical Activity Strategy.

Previous roles included jobs at the BBC, University of Surrey and various local authorities in coaching and sports development, as well as voluntary roles at London 2012, Glasgow 2014, parkrun and several school governing bodies.

Originally from Glasgow, now in Guildford, Campbell has lived in Surrey for over 20 years. A keen runner and cyclist, Campbell is also a member of the Partick Thistle Nomads Supporters Group.

Kerry McDonald
Consultant @ Kerry McDonald Consulting
Independent Board Member, appointed May 2014.

Kerry is an experienced sports industry executive with over 15 years commercial, operational & leadership experience domestically and internationally. Kerry has secured and managed commercial relationships with a number of well-known blue chip brands, and presently advises NGBs, rights holders and brands across the sector. He also spent eight years working for Sir Nick Faldo where he was responsible for his global golf development programme, the Faldo Trust, and his golf academies business.

Originally from South Wales, Kerry has lived in Woking for the past 13 years. A keen sportsman and an avid sports fan who played rugby union professionally and semi-professionally for four years, Kerry still tries to keep fit and enjoys running, swimming, the gym and playing football. Aside from sport he enjoys travelling and spending time with his family.

Lead roles: Commercial; Chair of Commercial Committee.

Rebecca Trumper
Principal Consultant @ Q5 Partners
Independent Board Member, appointed Oct 2017.

As a management consultant with Q5, Rebecca brings expertise in governance and aligning roles and functions with an organisation’s strategy, ensuring practical outcomes and improvements. She has worked with senior stakeholders, board members and executives across sectors, including sports, providing objective support and challenge to leaders in making strategic decisions and bringing about business change.

Rebecca, from Coulsdon, runs and cycles regularly, and she particularly enjoys discovering new areas and routes on her travels. After completing a half marathon in 2017 she has switched from road races to trail running.

Lead roles: Governance; Females (co-lead); Chair of Finance & Governance Committee.
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