

Independent Persons - biographies

Mike Wall MBE

I was born and raised in Tilehurst joining the Cunard Line as a Marine Engineer in the early 60s. Later I pursued a career in Retail which included Marketing, Staff Training and Security. Having children of school age I took a wide interest in Education which led to appointments from Berkshire County Council. In 2018 I was awarded an MBE for Services to Education.

Other appointments include. Board Member Reading Prison (Home Office), Magistrate (Lord Chancellors Office). Independent Member Police Misconduct Panel (Thames Valley Police). More recently Independent Person West Berkshire Council.

Lindsey Appleton

I left University after graduating with a Degree in Politics.

I worked at AWE, initially in the HR Department gaining a Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel and Development.

At AWE, I had a variety of roles including HR, Welfare and before retiring, became Head of Ethics. This involved investigating cases of alleged bullying, harassment and developing training in ethical behaviour.

Since 2000, I have been a serving Magistrate in Berkshire and for the past 15 years, a Presiding Justice. I have been an Independent Person for WBC for the past 6 years.

Alan Penrith

Alan Penrith served as a member of HM Diplomatic Service for 38 years. He held several appointments in London and served overseas in a variety of roles in Africa, North America, the Caribbean and the Middle East where he promoted UK interests and good governance. Latterly Alan specialised in national security issues, countering terrorism and serious organised crime.

Alan moved to regional policing in 2017 where he held a senior command position in the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit, working closely with police services and partners across the country. Alan lives in Berkshire and is now an independent consultant.