



Cleveland Bay Horse Society

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Election of Trustees – Annual General Meeting 2026

Statements are reproduced as submitted on the nomination forms, in alphabetical order of surname.

Sarah Ramsden

Section D – Candidate Background

Areas of involvement: Part Bred Breeder, Part-bred Owner, Mare Owner, Exhibitor, Judge, Society Volunteer, Other – CBHS Stallion and Mare Assessor.

I have bred, showed, evented and competed my own part bred Cleveland Bay horses for many years and showed the pure and part bred Cleveland Bay horses for the Kirkmoor Stud for 12 years.

I have been a member of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society for 35 years.

Section E – Previous Council Service

Previously served on Council: Yes. Meetings attended in last term: 4 of 4 meetings held.

I have not previously served on the CBHS Council and was coopted after the last AGM as a volunteer on the Show Committee. I have supported the council for a number of years with the Judges Panel and this year have taken on the role of Judges Coordinator, a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed and would like to continue developing. I have also been privileged to undertake CBHS Stallion and Mare inspections for the Society for the last 10 years and have worked with the CBHS Breed Committee during that time.

Section F – Skills and Experience

I graduated through the Pony Club ranks and was very fortunate to gain a good all round equestrian background competing in dressage, show jumping, eventing, hunting, team chasing and showing over the years predominantly with part bred Cleveland Bay horses. Over the last ten years I have focused on judging and in addition to being a CBHS judge, I officiate for other panels including SHB, BSHA, RoR, IDHS, TSR and VHS and have been privileged to judge at many of our county shows and championships.

Professionally, I have worked for the NHS for 41 years and my background was as a Biomedical Scientist where I progressed to manage NHS Pathology services for over 20 years, before moving into an emergency planning role for the Trust. This has given me a wide range of transferrable business and professional skills.

Section G – Contribution to Council Workload

If elected to council, I would very much like to continue in the role of Judge's Coordinator and develop a programme to support new judges as well as developing opportunities for our existing judges to progress. I also have a personal interest in linear profiling and am undertaking formal training later this year. In the future I would like the CBHS to consider exploring this as potential tool to complement our existing grading process.

Section H – Candidate Statement / Biography

As a long standing CBHS member, I have been fortunate enough to breed and compete some lovely Cleveland Bay horses over the years, I would relish the opportunity to help shape the future of our fantastic breed. As I approach the end of my professional career, I now feel I have the time and energy to get more involved and share some of the considerable workload that is required of the CBHS council.

Muick Wood

Section D – Candidate Background

Areas of involvement: Pure Bred Breeder, Part-bred Owner, Stallion Owner, Mare Owner, Exhibitor, Judge, Society Volunteer.

An enthusiastic Cleveland fan for most of my life, I have had the privilege to keep, show, ride and breed some wonderful pure and part breds...I have been a life member for around 25 years and have served on council/executive committee in the past. And will now be a past President.

Section E – Previous Council Service

Previously served on Council: Yes. Meetings attended in last term: 5 of 5 meetings held.

I currently hold the studbook editor position and assist with HBLB claims and payments

Section F – Skills and Experience

I am a past breeder of pure bred Cleveland Bays, owning mares and stallions - I have shown pure and partbred Clevelands and I am currently a Judge. I have a varied business background from data analysis to public relations

Section G – Contribution to Council Workload

I would like to keep my responsibilities as studbook editor and HBLB claims verification. I sit on the breed committee and would like to develop my understanding of grassroots SPARKS system so I can better support this area

Section H – Candidate Statement / Biography

I am going to have much more spare time going forward and would like to assist the society in any practical way I can.

Like many of you reading this, I want to see the Cleveland Bay not only survive but thrive. Although we recognise the equine industry is in difficulty, we as a society need to rise to the challenge and provide a strong platform for our breed to grow from.

To this end, I see our current council as totally capable of delivering the support our breeders need to achieve our overall goals for success. This is achievable through the show ring and HBLB support, among other things available to our members.

I truly believe that as a cohesive society, a like-minded group looking after each other and our needs as a breed, we have an exciting journey ahead.