



**Kevin Mahoney** is a Director and one of the founders of Green Biofuels, a privately owned renewable diesel (NOT biodiesel!) provider. the UK Distributor to Neste (multi-national fuel manufacturer), for off-road and public transport sectors. Green Biofuels also has the exclusivity for a unique additive for those renewable diesels.

He is a PPE graduate from Oxford, and his early career was in sales & marketing and finance departments of Rank Xerox UK, and then their International division. Subsequent senior positions included: MD Caradon Everest, Sales & Marketing Director British Gas Services, CEO Niceday, CEO of ISS (UK & Ireland), CEO of Mavinwood plc, before setting up Green Biofuels with some colleagues. He is a fervent believer in the compelling need to deliver cleaner & healthier air, as the current levels of UK air pollution are both a killer and an unnecessary material cost for the UK economy.

He is married with 3 children and lives in Oxford.



**Jim Davies**, Environment Agency, is a Sunderland University graduate in applied geology, before completing an MSc in mineral exploration at Leicester University. He joined Warwickshire CC in Development Management for 2 years before moving into Planning Strategy to write their emerging Minerals Development document.

He was a member of the West Midlands Aggregate Working party and compiled the annual survey and reports. After leaving Warwickshire Jim joined the Environment Agency as a Regional Planner whose main role was to respond to the Regional Spatial Strategies of the East and West Midlands and represent the EA in areas of Strategic Planning having represented the Agency at recent Local Plan examinations in public in Rugby, Coventry and North Lincolnshire.

Jim now works for the National Planning Team with specific responsibility for the planning and permitting interface and pre-application advice. Keeping the link to the minerals sector he currently represents the EA on the UK Minerals Forum, the East and West Midlands Aggregate Working Parties and took a central role in the EA's engagement with the governments *Cutting Red Tape Review* of the minerals sector.



**Victoria Bankes Price** joined the Woodlands Trust as Planning Advisor in 2011 and leads their work on national planning policy. Her remit is very broad but focuses on ensuring that the Trust uses the planning system to its best advantage to protect and promote woods and trees. She is a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the founding and past chair of the East Midlands Young Planners. She currently chairs the 'Link Wildlife and Countryside Land Use Planning Group' bringing together planning professionals from a wide range of environmental voluntary organisations. Victoria started her career at Yorkshire Forward (RDA), and then spent time in both the private and public sectors.



**Mark Oldridge** has worked in the UK minerals industry since 1976, with some of the best-known names in aggregates and oil and gas, and spent 5 years as a retained land and planning consultant with Cuadrilla Resources on shale gas developments from 2010 to 2015. He has been Chair of the Mineral Public Affairs Committee of the former Minerals Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and served on the Building Surveyors Divisional Council as Minerals representative. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Quarrying. Mark continues to act as an independent Chartered Surveyor on the planning and development of mineral opportunities and is presently engaged in shale gas development in northern England, oil exploration in Surrey and West Sussex and other mineral based activities within the general construction industry



**John Wilkinson** joined Mineral Products Qualification Council (MPQC) as Chief Executive Officer at the end of 2016. He has had an extensive career in the extractives industry, spending over 30 years with RMC and CEMEX. He likes to relax by sailing, walking the dog and travelling.



**Cath Pickett** has worked as a Quarry Inspector for the Health & Safety Executive since 2001. After graduating from Cardiff (BSc Geol.) in 1995, Cath worked for Tarmac as a Quarry Manager and Assistant Quarry Manager of various sand & gravel, and hard rock quarries. She has responsibility for inspecting quarries in Wales and the Midlands. She completed a post graduate diploma in Occupational Safety & Health in 2007. She is a member of the QNJAC Sub Committees on both Geotechnics and Road Haulage and is the lead inspector with the BAA and Aggregate Industries UK Ltd.



**Mike Phillips FIQ, FIMMM** is General Manager of The Institute of Quarrying (IQ). He has been employed in the industry for over 24 years starting with Hargreaves Quarries followed by RMC and CEMEX - and managed asphalt plants, concrete units and quarries not only in the UK but also the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Mike started with IQ in January 2008 as GM and actively takes part in many industry committees and groups such as MPQC, Training and Education committee, Qualifications Reform Group and is a member of Council. He is an extremely active member of the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee (QNJAC) and chairs their Communications sub group charged with disseminating information to the wider industry. He was Hillhead site manager 2008-14 and held significant responsibility for the show as well as part of a team responsible for the planning of the event which attracts over 17,000 visitors on a biannual basis.



**Eric Darlow MBE** has been in the quarrying industry for the past 60 years. Aged 17 he was a quarrying trainee and then Quarry Manager. For 30 years he was HM Inspector of Quarries - first in Scotland, followed by South West England. For 4 years he

was seconded to HSE's Policy HQ London. This was followed by promotion to Senior Inspector of Quarries for the southern half of England based in Bristol, and then promotion to Head of HM Inspectorate of Quarries based on Merseyside. His most influential policy role at the same time was Head of the Quarries National Interest Group. On retirement, he became an Industry advisor on safety, occupational health activity and law, environmental solutions and public relations. He is the author of two books on Health and Safety Law in Quarries. He has been chair of the BAA Standards and Awards Panel for the last 10 years. *He was awarded the MBE for services to the quarry industry in the 2012 New Year's Honours List.*



**Rupert Craven** is UK & Ireland Sales Director for Ritchie Bros Auctioneers UK Ltd. He started in construction machinery at JCB after completing his degree in agricultural engineering. After 12 years at JCB in a variety of engineering and sales roles Rupert joined Ritchie's in 2010 who are the world's largest auctioneer focusing on construction, transport and agricultural assets with special interest on heavy mobile plant.

Rupert has grown the UK business focusing on construction, mining, quarrying and demolition assets sold through unreserved auction in both the UK and overseas. Ritchie Bros set up their first and own permanent auction site at Donington Park in 2012 and conduct between 5 -7 auction a year from this site. Rupert takes an active role in all aspects of the business both in the domestic auction and equipment market and the export market. The quarrying and the aggregates industry are key customers in the UK and many of the producers or suppliers to the quarry industry also use Ritchie Bros.



**Peter Dorans** has been with The Wildlife Trusts since 2008 and manages the interface with businesses on behalf of 47 independent local Wildlife Trusts and their 800,000 members around the UK. He loves developing relationships with businesses, finding where interests overlap and building partnerships to deliver on shared objectives. Prior to The Wildlife Trusts his career has taken in frontline citizens advice and work in Government departments in the UK and New Zealand. He is a certified member of the Institute of Fundraising.



**Helen Barnard** joined the Nature After Minerals (NAM) team as Programme Manager in December 2016. She has worked for RSPB since 2004, securing funds from grant giving bodies to deliver significant conservation work around the UK. She has been lucky to work with a wide range of projects and sites across the organisation, including leading on *Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF)* projects and the EU funded RESTORE Project. While new to the team, Helen has worked closely with NAM since its foundation a decade ago. She leads the work of the team setting the strategic direction of NAM, and working with partners and mineral operators to secure biodiversity led mineral restorations to benefit nature and people.



**Mark Osbaldeston is Head, Centre for Mineral Products, Derby University**  
He started his career in 1990 as a Mechanical/Mining apprentice with British Coal. He moved to ARC/Hanson in 1995 and graduated with a BEng in Quarry and Road Construction from the University of Leeds in 1998. During an exceptional career with Hanson, Mark worked in many operational and management roles covering a wide variety of their business – hard-rock, sand and gravel, concrete, landfill and recycling. In 2005, he joined the Institute of Quarrying as their Educational Lead which involved close work with the team at Doncaster College delivering the Industry's professional qualifications - including mineral extraction and processing, blasting, business management and engineering. Mark joined the University of Derby in 2007 when the Institutes of Quarrying, and Asphalt Technology entered partnership with the University to offer their first ever nationally recognised academic qualifications. He was appointed Provision Leader for the Quarry and Asphalt programmes and in 2012 was promoted when the Centre for Mineral Products was launched and Mark became its Head. Since then, Mark, his team and the Centres partners have achieved several major successes which expansion of the Centre to provide qualifications for the concrete, cement and heavy-clay industries, the introduction of the first ever sector specific Foundation and Honours Degrees, and the first ever higher-level apprenticeships which have provided a positive impact on the industries age profile with some 65 young adults joining the sector over the last 3 years. He is a member of the Institute of Quarrying, an associate member of the Institute of Asphalt Technology and through his post graduate qualification in learning and teaching, Mark is also a fellow of the Higher Education Academy.



**Julie Stone, Director of University of Derby Online Learning,** is responsible for leading the continued development online learning. She has been involved in the progressive growth of distance learning and the establishment as a separate business division within the university in August 2011. She is committed to ensuring the university is recognised as a leading provider of online learning on a global scale over the next 2-3 years – and it is positioned for further significant growth over the next five years with continued expansion in the UK market and increased investment and activity in international markets.

Julie's career started in the higher education sector in 1984, working across many areas such as registry, quality and business development. As Head of Quality Assurance, Julie played a critical role in securing degree awarding powers for the University of Gloucestershire. She has a wealth of experience in business development and establishing new ventures and international partnerships. One of her achievements has included the development of one of the largest international franchises in Israel, which resulted in some 20,000 University of Derby alumni.



**Lord Digby Jones** is a British businessman and politician, who served as Director General of the CBI (2000–06) and Minister of State for Trade and Investment (2007–08).

In addition to his role as an active crossbencher in the House of Lords he is Chairman of Triumph Motorcycles, Non-Executive Deputy Chairman of the Unipart Expert Practices (UEP) Division, Corporate Ambassador to Aon Risk Solutions, Senior Adviser of Babcock International, Non-executive Chairman of Thatchers Cider, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Argentex, Chairman of Celixir, Chairman of On-Logistics, Senior Adviser to Harvey Nash, Non-Executive Chairman of G-Labs, Chairman of the Board of Governors at Stratford on Avon College; and non-executive Director of Leicester Tigers.

