



# Sidcot Governors

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## **Chair of Governors: Paul Whitehouse**

Retired in 2001 from a very high profile career in the Police Service, where over 34 years was known for his progressive and energetic approach to the provision of efficient and effective public service, and balancing the conflicting requirements of the individual and the organisation. Before Reading Economics at Emmanuel College he worked on VSO as Assistant Bursar at Starehe (a school for destitute boys) in Nairobi, Kenya and chairs Starehe UK, which has raised £3.5M to support both boys and girls at the two Starehe Schools. Throughout his career was constantly involved as a Trustee of diverse voluntary bodies operating on a national scale. Was the first Chair of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority from 2005 to 2011. Was Vice-Chair of Nacro – the Crime Reduction Charity from 2003 to 2007, when he was appointed Chair of Governors at Sidcot School. In December 2011 was appointed Chair of Trustees, Anti-Slavery International.

Contact [Paul Whitehouse](#)

## **Deputy Chair: Falcon Bell**

A member of, and Treasurer of, Burnham Meeting. Qualified as a primary teacher in 1967 – specialist Diploma in Early Childhood Education awarded in 1979. Initially taught in a junior school but after one year left to spend the rest of his career teaching and advising in primary schools. Was appointed to his first headship in 1980 and to his second (a large, challenging, Bridgwater Primary School) in 1988. Falcon served Somerset County Council as a Primary Link Schools Development Advisor from 2001 until 2003 when he took up his teacher's retirement option to focus his educational efforts and enthusiasms on home tutoring his two youngest children. Married to Rachel (also a Friend). Prime passions are the education of children – all children – and the strengthening of our Quaker faith and practice. His recreational interests focus upon cooking meals for his family, outdoor adventurous activities and poetic writing.

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