

David Gordon

I had had a long career in social housing and had worked with Committees and Boards in local authorities and housing associations. When I retired, I was keen to put something back and to apply lessons I had learned along the way. I was particularly keen to do something that would benefit my local area.

I like that we are helping to provide decent well-managed housing for local people who need it. You shouldn't always expect gratitude but the knowledge that collectively we are making things better for lower income people is motivating for me.

Waverley Housing is a professionally run RSL with a strong ethos of serving the communities where it operates. We are non-profit making and the Board consists of volunteers giving freely of their time without financial reward. Meetings are a good mixture of the formal and informal and everyone has the opportunity to contribute. Consensus is nearly always reached without the need to have votes, and politics does not play any role. Commitment is required but the time input is not excessive.

On a personal level, I keep as active as I reasonably can and am a member of 2 golf clubs. For several years I have organised all the Seniors matches for Duns Golf Club and play in most of these. I qualified as a golf coach a few years ago and have helped juniors learn the game. I am also a member of a walking football Club and play games most weeks. Over the years I have been on various boards and committees concerning education and community activities. I am a member of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and believe that a better understanding of different people, places and cultures helps make the world a better place. I am a keen traveller and have visited many places, near and far, taking the opportunity to see and learn as much as possible along the way.