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I was just about to retire from my position of Development Manager with a Borders based RSL when I received a personal approach from the then Operations Director at Waverley Housing (WH). Impending Board retirements meant WH were due to lose Board Members who had a technical background. The selling point being that my working experience and local knowledge would help replace what was being lost in that area. Thought about it and decided I would give it a go and have been hooked ever since.

I enjoy still being involved in the social rented housing sector, something that gave me great satisfaction in my time as Development Manager. Being able to put my experience and local knowledge to use and keep my brain working. Working with other like-minded individuals from different backgrounds in an environment where you feel you are making a difference to individuals and families is enormously satisfying.

If you are thinking about joining WH Board - Give it a try. It is enormously satisfying. You get to help shape the business, are part of the decision-making process and you get to use your skills, experience and knowledge in a slightly different manner than you do when you are in full time employment.

When I retired, I thought I would have plenty spare time – not so. I volunteer for a number of groups – a local food hub, a local transport organisation which provides a valuable service to those less fortunate individuals in the community, am Secretary and Treasurer for a local allotment association as well as having an allotment and Treasurer for the local rugby referee's society as well as looking after square and preparing wickets for my local cricket club. I like watching sport – rugby and cricket mainly. Actively I enjoy walking with a group of friends. Spending time with grandkids and watching them develop is enjoyable, satisfying and tiring!