

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees at Bentham-Moxon Trust consists of no fewer than three and not more than six people. The Trustees oversee the management of the Trust and are responsible for ensuring its long-term financial stability. They meet twice a year in June and December, the latter meeting being used to review grant applications and make the grant awards that further the work of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The Trustees serve on a part-time basis with the day-to-day management of the Trust delegated to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr Colin Clubbe, Chairman

Colin heads the Conservation Science Department which brings together four key research areas for Kew: Islands and UK Overseas Territories and Madagascar; Conservation Assessment and Analysis; Conservation Genetics and Seed Conservation. As a conservation biologist, Colin has wide-ranging interests in biodiversity conservation, especially Islands and UK Overseas Territories in particular. His research focuses on the study of plant diversity threats, particularly the impact of invasive species, and developing strategies for conservation management of plant diversity. Colin is an Honorary Research Fellow at Imperial College and a trustee of Falklands Conservation and Chagos Conservation Trust. Further information can be found at www.kew.org/science/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/people/colin-p-clubbe

Rebecca Bower OBE

Rebecca is a Chartered Accountant who spent most of her career as Head of Finance for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew before retiring in 2013. She has been a Trustee of several charities, including the Galapagos Conservation Trust, and is currently also a Trustee of Thrive which helps transform lives through gardening.

Dr Mark Carine

Mark is Principal Curator of the Algae, Fungi and Plants Division at the Natural History Museum where he is responsible for the team managing a collection of 6 million botanical specimens. He is a plant systematist with a particular interest in island floras and biogeography, working on taxonomic (classification) problems, phylogenetic (evolutionary) relationships and biogeographic patterns in Atlantic island flora. His research encompasses work on speciation processes in the Macaronesian islands, which comprises four archipelagoes – Azores, Madeira, Canaries and Cape Verde. He has served on a number of committees including as Secretary of the Botanical Research Fund and on the Systematics Association Council where he was Grants and Awards Secretary. Mark is also an Associate editor for *Journal of Biogeography*. Further information can be found at <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/departments-and-staff/staff-directory/mark-carine.html>

Lady Insall

Lady Insall graduated from Girton College, Cambridge with a degree in History and went on to qualify as a solicitor. A short time after her marriage she began working at her husband's architectural practice, providing administrative help with the accounts. After the children had grown up she became a voluntary guide at Kew and has done so for 22 years with commitment and enthusiasm. Lady Insall lives on Kew Green with her husband and the family is very interested in the development and wellbeing of Kew Gardens.

Dr Timothy Utteridge

Tim heads the Identification and Naming Department at Kew which comprises four teams - Africa & Madagascar, Americas, Asia and Mycology (Fungi). He leads the Asia Team which undertakes fundamental botanic research throughout the region with a focus on SE Asia. Tim's own research is primarily on the study of the plants of New Guinea and in particular the tropical species of Primulaceae (the primrose family). As head of department he contributes to all aspects of the Department's science direction and is a member of Kew's Senior Science Group. Further information can be found at www.kew.org/science/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/people/timothy-m-a-utteridge