

Bellingham Place Programme Pen Portrait



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I am semi-retired, having worked at a very high level in IT running multi-million-pound projects in Defence, Insurance and Banking for 25 years. I have a small web design and build company and continue to undertake small scale IT projects.

I also recently retired as a Senior Sailing Instructor (Dinghies), Powerboat Instructor and Coach/Assessor (teaching people to become instructors at all levels and inspecting training centres in the North-East and Yorkshire) working for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA). I was previously the RYA volunteer chairman for the NE region for 5 years and sat on the National Council for the RYA, chaired by Princess Anne, dealing with strategy and oversight. I was also a member of the Powerboat racing committee during a period of reform.

I have previously been a Parish Councillor for Henshaw.

Apart from web design and build, currently almost all my time is spent on the Heritage Centre and Tea on the Train.

I am currently cycling the coast of the UK in stages, having previously cycled Land's End to John O'Groats in 2013 raising over £7,000 for Tynedale Hospice, and after a Covid pause, hope to complete the approximately 6,000-mile journey this summer.