

Biographies

Brief Biographies (as at January 2005)

The brief biographies below are of the people substantially referred to in the text. Far more people than these were responsible for the transformation of Castle Vale, but space does not permit the listing of everyone. From the sample brief biographies below, however, you can see the considerable variety of skills and experience that were required to achieve this result.

Patrick Allen: Acting Chief Executive 1992-1993; Now Head of Business Management Team, Neighbourhood Renewal Unit.

Ian Bingham: was living in Lyneham Tower (now demolished) and Member of Centre Eight Liaison Group and Castle Vale Tenants and Residents Alliance. HAT Board Member 1999-2002; now Resident Involvement and Marketing Co-ordinator, Castle Vale Community Housing Association.

Councillor Marje Bridle: Chair of Birmingham's Housing Committee 1994-1998; HAT Board Member 2002-2005.

Lord Corbett of Castle Vale: MP for Erdington Constituency 1983-2001, now Chair of Castle Vale Neighbourhood Partnership Board.

Steve Daniels: Construction Manager, Bullock Construction 1987-1997; now Director of Midlands Region, Bullock Construction.

Sharon Gilligan: Neighbourhood Housing Manager, BCC 1993-1994; Now Housing Manager.

Alison Hadden: Director of Housing 1994-1998. Now Executive Director of Whitefriars Housing.

Paul Hill: Paul has lived in Castle Vale for 30 years. His first solo exhibition was at Birmingham's Bond Gallery in 1994. In 2004 Paul's paintings were a significant part of the 'Life on the Vale' exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

Steve Holloway: Head Teacher, Chivenor School since 1991.

Angus Kennedy OBE: Chief Executive of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust 1993-2005; now Chairman of Urban Living (Birmingham and Sandwell Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder), Visiting Professor of Regeneration at the University of Central England, and Chief Executive of Community Regeneration Partnership Ltd.

Jez Lilley: Voluntary Project Leader, Castle Vale Nature Centre 1992-1994; Now Part Time Youth Worker for Birmingham City Council, and Angling Coach for British Waterways.

Beatrice Lunn: Unemployed in 1994, living in Concorde Tower, and a member of Concorde Tower Residents Association; now Housing Officer (Elderly Services) for Castle Vale Community Housing Association.

Bev McQuoid: Owner Occupier member of the Community Action Team 1992-1995; now Trustee, Castle Vale Endowment Trust Fund.

Richard Mytton: Sergeant, West Midlands Police 1966-1995. Now: Community Safety Co-ordinator, Castle Vale Community Housing Association.

Bernadette Nolan: Housing Officer 1994-1998; Now Performance Manager.

Councillor Mike Olley: A local City Councillor since 1991. HAT Board member 1999-2005.

Pat Niner: Board Member of Castle Vale HAT 1993-2003; now Vice Chair of the Board of Castle Vale Community Housing Association and Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Urban & Regional Studies, University of Birmingham.

Janet Putman: Head Teacher, Castle Vale School (and Specialist Performing Arts College) 1993-2004, now Education Consultant.

Carole Rafferty, MBE: Chair of the Community Action Team 1992-1994. Now Chair of the Tenants and Residents Alliance and Castle Vale Community Environmental Trust. HAT Resident Board member 1994-2005.

Tess Randles: PR Manager 1995-2005; now PR and Communications Manager for Urban Living (Birmingham Sandwell Pathfinder).

Peter Richmond: Area Housing Manager at Sanctuary Housing Association 1996-1998. Now Chief Executive of Castle Vale Community Housing Association.

Pat Riley: Senior Development Manager 1998, Now Director of Development.

Dr Paul Sadler: 1967-1995 GP at Tangmere Health Centre (now demolished); now retired.

Pat Smith: Health Visitor 1969-1988, based at the Health Centre (now demolished and rebuilt); now retired.

Sue Spicer: Lived in Cranwell Tower and was a member of the Community Action Team. Was Chair of Castle Vale Community Housing Association for two years, is now Chair of CVCHA Operations Committee and resident Vice Chair of Castle Vale Neighbourhood Partnership Board.

John Stevens has been Director of Birmingham Co-Operative Housing Services since 1995.

Richard Temple Cox, CBE: Chairman of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust 1993-2005. Now Chairman of Birmingham & Solihull LIFT.

John Thompson: Partner of Hunt Thompson Associates 1969-1984; now Chairman of John Thompson and Partners, and Chair of RIBA Urbanism and Planning Group.

Derek Waddington OBE, JP: Director of Housing for Birmingham City Council 1984-1994. Now Chairman of Waterloo Housing Association.

Dave Wallbank: Police Constable 1983-1985. Now Inspector, Castle Vale, West Midlands Police.

Wendy Walsh: In 1994/95, a single mum living on income support in the Locking Croft maisonettes (now demolished). Now Chair of Castle Vale Community Housing Association, and HAT Community Development Officer.

Carole Wildman: Planning and Policy Manager 1994, Director of Housing 1998-2004; now Director of Regeneration and Development, Walsall Housing Group.