

David Ruse – Company Secretary



David joined the Council in March 2017 after a long career in cultural and heritage services, including 20 years at Director level in central London, responsible for over 400 staff and a multi-million pound budget. He has served on a number of government advisory bodies and working groups relating to libraries and archives, and spent 8 years working for the professional association for library and information services advising on management, staffing, and professional standards. David brings a wealth of knowledge and experience about how local government works, fundraising, management and cultural leadership. He has a lifelong interest in all things Great Western having been born in Plymouth and grown up in Bath, with fond memories of schoolboy trips to Swindon on Wednesdays to get the works tour. He is particularly interested in the social history of railways, their workforce and management.

Now retired and living in West Berkshire, David regularly volunteers in the Library and Archive at STEAM, helping catalogue the collection to make it more accessible for research.

David led on producing a new Friends membership leaflet and display board in the museum, and updating the website. David was appointed Company Secretary in January 2020.



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