I was invited to join the governors at St John’s a co-opted member in 2014. As a development officer at Benwell based charity Reviving the Heart of the West End, I had worked closely with Susan Lishman over the years, identifying opportunities for parents and offering support through our enterprise programmes.

Since then I have been constantly impressed by the impact the staff and leadership team are making on the school, its pupils and the wider community.

I have been particularly interested to see St John’s becoming part of the West End Schools Trust, and the positive benefits this is already having on the school, and how they are engaging with the wider community through the Turf.

I have lived in the west end of Newcastle for most of my life and the west end for 3 years. I enjoy taking an active role in the local community and hope to be of use to St John’s for some time.