

## **ANDY COLLS**

Having studied Minerals Engineering at Birmingham University I joined Deloitte in 1984 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1988. I then moved into industry, working in finance mainly for companies in construction and mining. I have been Finance Director for several companies including a subsidiary of Taylor Wimpey, a subsidiary of Avant Homes and a West Yorkshire housebuilder Skipton Properties.

I am passionate about the environment and have been an avid scuba diver since 1987 regularly diving the Scottish Borders area. My diving in the area became more regular after I moved to Berwick-upon-Tweed in 2018 where I currently work as Practice Manager for a firm of Chartered Accountants although I am retiring in the next few months.

I undertook an adult education Marine Biology course at Nottingham University in 1992-1996.

I was a Trustee and treasurer of the national charity the Marine Conservation Society for 11 years.

I have been a Director of Four Winds Community Energy Co-Operative since March 2015, becoming Chair in April 2019. Four Winds owns and operates single turbines on 2 former coal mining sites in the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

I became a Trustee and treasurer of the Berwickshire Marine Reserve in 2017.