



Elected Committee Members 2026-2027

President: Richard Lester (Elected to the Committee 2022)

Won Thames and Grand for Leander in 1970 and 1975 respectively. 1976 Olympic silver medal stroking GB eight in Montreal. Commercial property lawyer currently a Consultant at Wedlake Bell LLP in the City. Has acted for ARA, Sport England and other sporting organisations. A Henley Royal Regatta Steward since 1979 and on the Committee of Management for much of that time. Governor of Shiplake College. Chairman and founder of Leander Investment Club.

Chairman: Peter O'Hanlon (Elected to the Committee 2018)

Peter started rowing at Canford School and later represented the University of the West of England. A Full Member of Leander since 2018, he lives in central Henley and is a regular presence at the club. He has been deeply involved in Henley's regatta scene for more than 15 years, including as Chairman of Regatta Radio and a commentator at Henley Royal Regatta and the Boat Races. Since 2009, he has built an international career in rowing commentary, serving as the 'Voice of World Rowing' across Olympic, World, and European Championships — most recently at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024. Outside rowing, Peter is Strategic Change Director in Sustainability at HSBC, co-founder of Henley-on-Thames Triathlon Club, and an active member of the endurance sport community.

Hon. Treasurer: Justin Hodges (Elected to the Committee 2020, elected Treasurer 2022)

Justin rowed for Isis twice and the GB U23s as well as Leander in the Wyfolds. He started his career at Goldman Sachs International before moving to Vodafone. He is currently the Bursar at Abingdon School. Justin chairs the Finance and Management Group.

Hon Secretary: Barbara Wilson (Elected to the Committee 2020, elected Hon Secretary 2022)

Barbara has been involved in the sport for over 35 years. She began rowing at City of Oxford Rowing Club and quickly became involved with the club committee and the regatta. Barbara was the administrator for OUBC for 14 years, continuing as a volunteer after retirement. Barbara was elected a Henley Royal Regatta Steward in 2023.

Committee:

Anthony Reynolds (Elected to the Committee 2022)

Started rowing at Queens Park High School. Henley winner, Cambridge Blue and GB International. Rowed for Leander in the 1980s. Coached GB Lightweight Women's Squad. Currently a Multi Lane Umpire and acts as Rowing Safety Advisor for the Thames Regional Rowing Council. Runs an IT company providing support for small businesses.

Elise Cope (Elected to the Committee 2023)

Started rowing at Wallingford Rowing Club becoming Women's Squad Captain and Chairman in 2006, graduating from site manager for Wallingford Regatta. An active member at UTRC, helping with the Autumn Heads and Henley Masters Regatta. Started managing the Trade Stands for Henley Women's Regatta, joining the Committee in 2014 with responsibility for sponsorship. An active rower, competing at HRR in 2023. Partnership Director for a Henley based business, working with global HR directors to help identify and develop talent, ensuring each individual achieves their potential.

Vicky Thornley (Elected to the Committee 2023)

Started rowing through the World Class Start in 2007 winning Gold in the 2009 U23 World

Championships. She joined Leander in 2010 becoming Captain in 2018 and 2019. Competed multiple times in European and World Championships and three Olympic Games, winning a Silver medal in Rio in the double sculls. Manages the family caravan park business.

Peter Greenslade (Elected to the Committee 2024)

Chartered Accountant and Finance Director of a property company listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Rowed for Canford School and Reading University. Was Chair of Shiplake Vikings Rowing Club for over 10 years until 2010. Leander Committee member 2012 to 2022 including 6 years as Treasurer and currently a member of the Leander Finance Management Group and Chair of the Leander Sponsorship and Donations Committee

Luke Breen (Elected to the Committee 2024)

Luke is a Club Member and has served on the social committee. Luke is a Chartered Surveyor and spent the first 17 years of his career focused on investment and asset management of commercial real estate. Luke has held senior management positions advising clients and investing principal capital in landmark property developments across the square mile of the City of London. He is now Head of Real Estate for a local asset management business who specialise in funding investment opportunities across the country. Luke is also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Innholders and sat on the advisory panel to the Court as the company explored how it could create a thriving social scene that balances its historic roots.

Jack Beaumont (Elected to the Committee 2025)

Jack started rowing aged nine at Maidenhead Rowing Club. He joined Leander in 2012 feeling very inspired by the London Olympics and was captain for the years 2020 and 2021. He won Henley Royal Regatta nine times (eight times for Leander) and finished his career with silver medal in the Tokyo Olympic Games in the men's quadruple sculls. Jack works as a Sales Manager for Invesco, a global asset management firm.

Julie Deadman (Elected to the Committee 2026)

Julie is a Chartered HR professional and is actively running her own consultancy, proactively supporting a range of SME businesses in respect of HR and Health and Safety matters. She has experience as a school governor and is a Trustee of the Kenton Theatre.

Mark Jones (Elected to the Committee 2026)

Mark is a Club Member and has been part of the Henley community for several years. An Old Canfordian and former Army Officer, he went on to build an extensive career in the events, media and publishing sectors, both in the UK and overseas. He now serves as an Executive Director of a dynamic tax, accounting and business advisory firm, and also mentors emerging entrepreneurs. Beyond his professional life, Mark is a keen cook with a passion for great food and wine. A born-again tennis player and an admirer of nature and life on the water, his interests reflect an enduring affinity with the river and the wider Henley community.