

Sebastian Anstruther

I was brought up here in Barlavington and in London and took an English degree at Bristol University, where I taught Anglo-Saxon poetry for a couple of years whilst doing research. I now manage my family's Barlavington Estate based at Duncton Mill. I was an elected member and later Chairman of the Common Parish Council of Sutton & Barlavington for some years before leaving the parish and moving down the road to Duncton in 2011.

I am a Secretary of State appointed National Member of the South Downs National Park Authority, where I have served on budget setting, audit and policy committees. I am currently a Deputy Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.



In 2011 I helped set up the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT) as a charity to work closely with farmers and others to improve our rivers and groundwaters and I was Chairman of ARRT until September 2017. In November 2017 I shall become Chairman of the Sussex Committee of the Country Land and Business Association (CLA); I also serve on the CLA national Environment Committee.

I'm married with two children, who both went to St Margaret's school in Midhurst: one's now an artist and the other's a musician. I enjoy music, from opera to jazz, the visual arts and cinema, and current affairs.

I've been a Governor of the Lavington Park Federation schools since February 2011.