

Sebastian Anstruther

I was brought up at Barlavington and I now manage my family's Barlavington Estate from the Estate Office at Duncton Mill.

I went to school in London and then read English at Bristol University. After my BA I taught Anglo-Saxon poetry for a couple of years whilst doing research, but then returned to Barlavington.

I was an elected member and later Chairman of the Common Parish Council of Sutton & Barlavington for some years, and then moved down the road to Duncton in 2011.

From 2010-2020 I was a Secretary of State appointed National Member of the South Downs National Park Authority, where I served on budget setting, audit and policy committees.

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 water environment and I was Chairman of ARRT until September 2017.

I'm a lifelong member of both the National Farmers' Union (NFU) and the Country Land and Business Association (CLA). I was Chairman of the CLA Sussex Branch Committee 2017-2020 and currently sit on the CLA's national Environment and Policy committees in London.

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.

