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## **The following are the candidates for Folk Camps Council – to be elected at the 2024 AGM in January 2025.**

There are 4 vacancies on Council and 4 candidates.

Liz Cooper reached the end of a 3-year term and is re-standing. Hilary Hill and Jenny Hopper were co-opted by Council after the 2023 AGM. Jane Wheeler was co-opted by Council during the year. The council members that were co-opted have to be elected by the membership, but they have all stood unopposed, so there is no need for an election this year.

# **Liz Cooper**



A seasoned camper since I was 10 weeks old, I have tried a variety of other holidays but always come back to Folk Camp. I have worked as Caterer since 2011 and am currently on the Catering committee have previously served for 6 years on Council, with my last year as Chairperson. I subsequently re-joined Council in 2021 and am now standing for re-election for another 3 years.



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Although I am not particularly musical myself, I enjoy listening to music and dancing. I have brought my stepchildren to camp and enjoyed the Folk Camp effect on them- It has made such a difference in their lives.

I am hoping that my experience and passion for Folk Camp will continue to help the council after what has been a very turbulent period in the post-Covid years. My calm and pragmatic nature means I love helping set up new projects and improving ongoing ones. My experience as a Special School Headteacher means that I understand the effects of Covid on the public sector and have knowledge of systems that are in place to enable schools to keep going through this period. I am also aware of the importance of health and safety risk assessment and safeguarding. I think these skills would all be very useful as a member of Council and hope that I can help move Folk Camps forward over the next few years.

## Hilary Hill



I got in to Folk Camps when my partner Mark & I were looking for something that satisfied our love of singing, dancing, playing music and camping together. We wanted to combine all these and have like-minded company around us to socialise with while we were at it. A Google search led us straight to Folk Camps.

We booked into a weekend camp that was close by and, when we arrived, camped right at the end of the field so we could sneak out if we didn't like what we found. But we did and we stayed and returned again and again! It fitted the bill!



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Now I am retired from teaching (Engineering), and I am on my own, I have more time on my hands and can get involved in whatever I like!

My favourite part of Folk Camps is being with the good friends, that we have made over the years, making new friends, learning and playing all sorts of music together and having fun! Key ingredients of Folk Camp! I also like swimming and mucking about on the water - so Folk Camps near the sea are my favourite.

I didn't so much as volunteer as get volunteered for the job! I am a very practical person, good at fixing things and I love being able to help out and enable others to fully enjoy the folk camp experience. Volunteering as warden has given me that opportunity and on council I hope that I can enable it even more.

## Jenny Hopper



I started coming to folk camp when our daughter Amy was 7 in 2003 and have been most years since then. I have enjoyed the support folk camp has given us as a family to have enjoyable and fun holidays as well as educating us in many areas. Folk camp seems like a second family to me, and I've enjoyed the dancing and singing as well as making lifelong friendships. As both my husband, Simon and daughter play music instruments, I got drawn to the catering side and I started being a member of the catering team in 2011 and took up the post of Provisions Manager in 2013. I've enjoyed working with the catering staff and building their support group, to help with the large workload caterers do on folk camp. This meant that I understand the complexities of the catering side of the camps and have been involved in evolving the systems for coping with the changing health and safety requirement now needed. I've attended council meetings over the last 10 years, as Provisions manager and so have a large knowledge of what must be done to run the Folk camp organisation. Now I have resigned as a contractor, I look forward to still be involved in the running of Folk camps.



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# Jane Wheeler



Jane has been a frequent Folk Camper since 2015, introduced to Folk Camps via the SELFolk Orchestra (which is run by Richard Jones). She has co-led weekend camps. She was co-opted onto Council in summer 2024 and was also briefly on Council in 2019 (also after being co-opted), but young child duties meant that was not the right time for her.