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GETTING TO KNOW OUR GOVERNORS

April 2014 and the phone rings, it is Mr Loncaster calling to congratulate me on my successful election to the Board of Governors at Molescroft Primary School and this was another of those memorable and proud moments in my life.

Apart from being a proud Governor, my husband Alan & I are equally proud of our children Lucy (Year 6) & Ben (Year 2) who are thoroughly enjoying their educational and social experiences at the school, so Molescroft is sewn into the fabric of our family life.

Unlike many of the Governors I do not come from an educational background, in my professional life I am a Head of Finance at the Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals. Like many public services we face day to day challenges balancing the books while meeting the needs of the patients in very difficult times. I see similar challenges in the education sector and to be a successful school you need to manage the purse strings effectively and I hope I have assisted Mr Loncaster in my role of the Chair of the Finance & Personnel Committee to do this and in turn support staff and pupils in keeping Molescroft as Beverley's most highly rated and sought after Primary.

My other area of interest is Physical Education. In my younger years I played Netball and Hockey at a high level which culminated in me having trials for the England Netball Team. I am still active today in this area and support my daughter at Beverley Barracudas Swimming Club. I have taken on the role of Treasurer for the Club and I am currently training to be a Gala Judge. My other Governor role at School is the PE Governor and it is a joy to undertake this role, especially when I personally witness Molescroft successes at inter-school sporting events.

So I am firstly a keen parent, who likes numbers and does a bit of sport, which lends itself perfectly to my role as a Governor. The only sad thing is at some point my children will have to leave and go onto greener pastures however they will have a sound foundation in life. Thank you Molescroft Primary School and I hope I can serve as proud Governor for a few more years.

