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TRUSTEE ELECTION FORM

Name	Katy Ridsdill-Smith
CVS Member nominating organisation	**Community Furniture Stores**
Proposer	**David Nash, Chair Community Furniture Stores**
Seconder	**David Harbourne, Chair, York CVS**

Personal statement

After living, working and studying in Europe for 6 years, I moved back to the UK to pursue a career in the charity sector. I gained a place on the Charityworks Management and Leadership in the Charity Sector trainee programme where I was placed at Mind, the mental health charity, in the Organisational Development team. I stayed beyond my placement and took on leading the internal Workplace Wellbeing programme to ensure we were leading the way internally what we were promoting to our external partners.

After a few years, I felt increasingly distant from the service delivery element of Mind's work and sought a role where I could see the direct impact of Organisational Development and Change programmes on the lives of people. I became Development Manager for a small homeless charity in SE London. The role was to transition a seasonal, church-based and volunteer led night shelter into a year-round, professional service with day and night provision. Once the service was up and running with systems, teams and processes in place, I became Director saw us awarded the London Homelessness Award in 2022.

For personal reasons, I moved to York where I started at Community Furniture Stores as CEO. The charity has huge potential and I'm excited to lead it through its next phase of development. Although my passion lies in front line delivery, I have an increasing desire to be part of the strategic development of the voluntary and community sector. We all know it's a challenging time for the sector, and I'd like to be part of an organisation that builds its capacity, showcases its impact and thinks innovatively about its future. I am therefore grateful for the opportunity to be a trustee at York CVS.

I confirm that I am willing to stand for election as a Trustee of York CVS

Signature *Katy Smith*

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