**Ian McPherson**

I was born in Barnard Castle, later moving to Lincoln with my family to complete my schooling. I qualified as a solicitor in 1971, becoming a partner in one of the city’s firms. Other roles included Stipendiary Magistrate by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the West Indies; a short service commission in the British Army; a period in the Directorate of Army Legal Services. I have worked in local government as Solicitor and Assistant Secretary to South Shropshire District Council and as Secretary to the Local Planning Authority. After retiring from full-time legal work I fulfilled a long-standing ambition to return to the north of England and settled in Sedbergh in 2000. I have served on South Lakeland District Council and Sedbergh Parish Council and am presently Vice-chair. I have been a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority since 2012, including roles as Member Champion for the Natural Environment and on the Planning Committee. My community and charity roles cover a range of interests including community cinema, wildlife and anti-slavery.