

Getting to know TEAM HIGHGROUND



Simon Caraffi



LIFE BEYOND THE MILITARY –
OUTDOORS

I am Simon Caraffi, newly appointed Chair of Trustees, and I thought it might be helpful to let you know a little about me.

I spent 37 years as a soldier, entering Sandhurst at 18 and leaving the Army at 55 after a hugely enjoyable and rewarding career. On leaving the Army in 2012 I became the CEO of St Peter's Hospice in Bristol, an independent charity which looked after over 2,000 people every year with life-limiting illness.

I was made aware of the opportunity to apply for the position of Chair of Trustees by a friend and was struck by the simplicity of the HighGround concept, which provides through its therapy and resettlement programmes a fantastic resource for those who will benefit from it. From personal experience I know how important effective rehabilitation is for those who need it and equally I know how much value ex-service personnel can bring to employers. Obviously a lot of service leavers will be drawn to the type of work found in the land-based sector and providing introduction to this is a great idea.

I hope that my military experiences, combined with my knowledge of the charity sector gained from my time at St Peter's Hospice, will enable me to contribute fully and meaningfully to the development of HighGround over the next 10 years of its life and I very much look forward to working with everyone involved in pursuit of its objectives.

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