

Dr Bill Gaskarth – Retired



Dr Bill Gaskarth's lifetime of service to the profession of geoscience has had an enduring and significant impact on how geoscientists are viewed around the world.

With a career in both industry and academia, he was appointed as the Geological Society's first Chartership Officer in January 2009, and served in the role for over 10 years, retiring in April 2019. As Chartership Officer he has worked strenuously and tirelessly to develop, promote and strengthen chartership in the geological community, thoroughly reorganising and successfully managing the chartership process. The result has been a near doubling of the annual rate of successful applications to just short of 200 per year in 2019, as well as the success of the Society's accredited training schemes and accreditation of geoscience degree courses. In 2019 he was awarded the European Federation of Geologists' Medal of Merit.

The high regard with which Chartered Geologists are viewed both in the UK and internationally is in significant part thanks to Dr Gaskarth's commitment and dedication, and the Society extends its sincere thanks.