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| <b>Images available:</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsible Gambling Trust logo</li><li>• Neil Goulden, Chairman</li><li>• Marc Etches, Chief Executive</li><li>• Alan Jamieson, Trustee</li></ul> |

### **The Responsible Gambling Trust appoints a fourth independent Trustee**

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that Alan Jamieson has been appointed to its Board as the charity's fourth independent Trustee.

Alan Jamieson, an Executive Consultant, began his career in industry moving via the Public Service and the City to the Third Sector as a Regional Officer for Relate, Director of the National Aids Helpline, and most recently Deputy CEO of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). Prior to his appointment to the Board of the Responsible Gambling Trust, he served as Chairman of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board's Treatment Panel and was a Trustee of the Responsible Gambling Fund before its merger with The GREaT Foundation - to form the Responsible Gambling Trust - in April 2012.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, explained:

"During the development of our fundraising and commissioning plans, we recognised the importance of appointing an appropriate balance of industry-related and wholly independent Trustees – that is, independent of the gambling industry, service providers, the Gambling Commission and anyone else that may have a vested interest – in order to generate widespread trust and credibility."

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On being appointed as a Trustee, Alan Jamieson said:

“I am delighted to join the Board of Trustees at the Responsible Gambling Trust and very much look forward to assisting the charity accomplish its key objective in becoming an independent, authoritative and respected voice for responsible gambling in Britain.”

Neil Goulden, Chairman of the Responsible Gambling Trust, added:

“On behalf of my fellow Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alan to the Board. His wealth of knowledge and experience will prove invaluable as we continue to develop our commissioning programmes for research, education and treatment of problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain.”

The Responsible Gambling Trust’s Board of Trustees are:

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| <b>Chairman</b>              | Neil Goulden  |
| <b>Trustee (independent)</b> | Liz Barclay (Broadcast Journalist and Producer)                                 |
| <b>Trustee (independent)</b> | Alan Jamieson (Public and Mental Health Consultant)                             |
| <b>Trustee (independent)</b> | Gerry Sutcliffe MP (Former Minister of State responsible for gambling policy)   |
| <b>Trustee (independent)</b> | Jonathan Wolff (Professor of Political Philosophy at University College London) |
| <b>Trustee (industry)</b>    | Richard Glynn (Chief Executive of Ladbrokes plc)                                |
| <b>Trustee (industry)</b>    | Nick Harding (Chief Executive of Praesepe plc)                                  |
| <b>Trustee (industry)</b>    | Clive Hawkswood (Chief Executive of the Remote Gambling Association)            |
| <b>Trustee (industry)</b>    | Carl Leaver (Group Chief Executive of Gala Coral Group)                         |
| <b>Trustee (industry)</b>    | Jonathan Paveley (Executive Chairman of Admiral Taverns)                        |

The Responsible Gambling Trust remains committed to appointing a further independent Trustee in due course in order to deliver a fully balanced Board of five industry Trustees, five independent Trustees and a Chair.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

To request a copy of the images, or to arrange an interview with either Marc Etches or Alan Jamieson, please contact Karen Churches Peacock (Director of Fundraising) either by phone on 020-7287-1994 or by email at [Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk](mailto:Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).

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- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity that fundraises over £5million each year from the British gambling industry and it independently commissions research, education and treatment services to minimise the level of problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain ([www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk](http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk)).
- The Responsible Gambling Trust commissions research, education and treatment services as prioritised in a national responsible gambling strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The evidence-based strategy is a three-year rolling strategy that is developed in a collaborative, open manner between the RGSB and the Responsible Gambling Trust.
- For more information on the Responsible Gambling Trust's Board of Trustees please visit [www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/trusteesandstaff.html](http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/trusteesandstaff.html).