

## **Michael Dyer**

I'm Michael and I am married to Catharine Gunningham.

I have spent my working life as a civil engineer in the UK and also lived and worked abroad in Iraq and Sumatra in the late 70s/early 80s. More recently, I worked with Save the Children on disaster response in the Philippines, Indonesia and previously in Ethiopia. I have particular experience in water, sanitation and waste management. I am now retired and live in London. I also have training and some qualifications as a cabinet maker.

I have been interested and involved in communities for some years and I am convinced of the importance and positive contribution they can make to our lives and those of others. We lived in a community in the West Country in 2021 for 5 months. And I have been aware of and curious about the Othona Community for some while.

I have a great love for the natural world and enjoy looking after our allotment. In 2023 I did a six month residential course at Schumacher College on regenerative growing. I swim and cycle regularly.

## **Mark Ringrose**

I first became aware of Othona through my wife Ulrike, who in the early 1990s' visited on a cycle trip from Hamburg organised through one of Othona's German links, Martin Riemer. It wasn't until 2005, this time cycling a far shorter route from Witham, Essex, that I first visited Othona in Bradwell and since then it's become an ever greater feature of my life either for the working weekends or during the summer or autumn with my family. An ever growing connection to Othona and its christian principles, inclusiveness, working together, and simple open prayer convinced me to join the board of Trustees in February 2024.

I'm originally from the UK, growing up in Scotland before living in Kingston-upon-Thames through the 90s and early 2000s for my studies and early career. My wife and I moved to Germany in 2006 and live in Oberursel, a town just north of Frankfurt am Main, together with our three children (practically speaking all very much teenagers...).

I worked for 14 years for KPMG Corporate Finance and since 2014 run my own financial modelling business advising clients on financial planning mainly in renewable energy and transportation sectors. Outside of work I spend my free time either in our allotment garden, wood working, bird watching or helping out with the local church community.