

## **Sharon Noble**

## **Development Manager**

## **Chestnut Grove Academy**

Sharon Noble has been working in charities and not-for-profit organisations since 1998 and therefore raising funds is something that has been integral to all of her roles. From 2004 to 2007 she raised funds and income to keep a non-statutory but local government run Ecology Centre open for the public and school children, and from 2007 to 2012 she was the Director of Vauxhall City Farm where she improved the financial security of the Farm by securing multi-year grants and diversifying income streams to increase reserves from £9K to £60K over 3 years.

After having children, she chose to focus on Trust Fundraising as a career, and worked for Church Urban Fund, successfully providing trust fundraising support to 19 'subsidiary' organisations tackling poverty across the UK. In January 2015 she joined Chestnut Grove Academy as Development Manager, tasked with capitalising on the upcoming Priority Schools Building Programme by raising funds to improve on the plans, and engaging the whole school community in fundraising to enrich the experiences for the students and provide a facility for the community. In the first 4 years the school has raised over £400,000.

