

## Beccy Read

### MRF trustee

Beccy Read (nee Ratcliffe), met Martin in 1978, when they were both studying as undergrads at Colchester Institute. Born in Warwick, her father was a GP & church organist. After Colchester she studied Music Therapy at Roehampton, then moved to Hampshire to join Martin who had started teaching in Alton.

Beccy's professional life has focussed on providing music therapy for vulnerable children and adults, particularly those with ASD. In 1996 she was invited to form the Hampshire branch of the MusicSpace Trust. In 2009 she led that charity branch to stand-alone status as Key Changes Music Therapy, which now sees over 200 children & adults each week.  
[keychanges.org](http://keychanges.org)

After Martin's sudden death in 2012, she established MRF to support young composers - a passion close to Martin's heart. 14 have so far benefitted, and MRF is now working with the local music hub on providing workshops in schools to build Tomorrow's Composers.  
[martinreadfoundation.org](http://martinreadfoundation.org)

Beccy is Proud Mum to jazz bassists Simon and Matthew.

For her pioneering work in both charities – providing social impact through the arts - Beccy has recently been welcomed as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.