

THORP SOCIETY COMMITTEE

WHO'S WHO



RACHAEL RHOADES (she/her)

Rachael is currently a 2nd year PhD student studying International Relations (IR). She came to Durham in 2019 as a master's student and became an active member of the Castle MCR (Middle Common Room) community. Rachael served as Steward on the Castle MCR Executive Committee alongside Sophie from 2019 to 2020.

Given her broad experience and commitment to supporting the Castle MCR community, Rachael joined the Thorp Society's Organising Committee in 2021 and was crucial in finalising Thorp Society's reform. In her role on the committee, Rachael provides administrative and organisational support, ensuring the smooth running of the society's activities behind the scenes.

SOPHIE DRAPER (she/her)

Sophie is a final year Electrical Engineering PhD researcher. Like Rachael, Sophie joined University College in 2019 and quickly became an active member of Castle MCR. Sophie kick-started her time on the Executive Committee as Social Chair and was later re-elected twice as Ball Chair and Communications Officer.

Sophie was passionate about reorganising Thorp Club in 2019 to improve its accessibility and inclusivity. Sophie was appointed as President of the Society in 2022, alongside Dean Slack. As part of the Thorp Society reform, the President title was resigned, and Sophie has been using her experience of coordinating large postgraduate events to plan the Thorp calendar, whilst building-up a portfolio of unique venues and speakers. Sophie's role also covers marketing, visual and creative content.

Thorp Society is expanding its committee of volunteers in Summer 2023 and will welcome applications from University College alumni and current postgraduate students!