



Trustee Advert Person and Role Specification

Context

The Wear Rivers Trust is a small charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. It is part of the national Rivers Trust movement, working with a range of partners to extend community knowledge, awareness of, and participation in activity to improve the ecological condition of the whole Wear Catchment, working at a landscape scale, addressing both rural and urban issues and concerns.

The Trust board currently consists of six Trustee/Directors. There is a need to extend board capacity to support the further development of the Trust.

Therefore an opportunity exists for an experienced individual with a passion to conserve the natural environment, who understands the need to balance the competing interests and needs of those who live, work and play around the river, and who is able to contribute the commitment and time to make a difference.

The Person

You will be a mature, experienced individual with good interpersonal and communication skills, including access to email, and will have had experience in **one or more** of the following fields which are not in any priority order:

- Business or Industry
- Legal or Accountancy
- Farming or other land-based business
- Environmental Conservation (Voluntary or Professional)
- Sporting Interests
- Community Leadership
- Education
- IT and Telecommunications
- Civil Engineering or Surveying

The Role

Trustees share a number of internally and externally-facing key roles:

Internal:

- Attend four board meetings per year, including the AGM and maintain an overview of Trust governance
- Attend additional or project specific meetings as appropriate
- Internally audit policies and processes to ensure compliance



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- Contribute to Trust strategic direction and setting of priorities through the continued development of the Wear catchment management plan and the fund-raising required for implementation
- Maintain an overview of Trust operations to ensure fulfilment of statutory requirements and external responsibilities
- Contribute to the development of Trust contributions to Environment Agency and other consultations on river management and allied issues

External:

- Represent the Trust at formal and informal events
- Utilise personal and professional networks to promote the Trust; to build individual, community and corporate awareness and participation to improve river health
- Potentially lead on individual project delivery with staff support

Further Information and Applications

If you require any further information please contact Trust Director Peter Nailon. Please telephone 07880189230 or email peter.nailon@wear-rivers-trust.org.uk

If you wish to apply to serve as a Trustee please send CV and covering letter along with any supporting information to Sue Zissler, Wear Rivers Trust, Low Barns Nature Reserve, Witton le Wear, Co Durham, DL14 0AG or email admin@wear-rivers-trust.org.uk

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview by a panel of Trustees and Staff.

The successful candidate will be appointed for an initial probationary period.

Closing date to be advised.