

Voluntary post vacancy: Trustee - Campaigns

Do you love Bedfordshire's countryside? Join our friendly team as a trustee and help us to build the effectiveness of this well-respected local countryside charity.

The role

We're looking for someone to join our Executive Committee as a trustee, with skills or expertise to bring to the team that will help us boost our influence as campaigners. The role would involve working with our branch staff member and volunteers to develop our approach to campaigning. This could involve:

- Working with the planning team to identify campaign goals and tactics
- Gathering information and writing a coherent policy statement on key campaign issues for the branch
- Working with the staff member and other volunteers to bring the issues to the public's attention - through media work, events, exhibitions, or other campaigning activities
- Monitoring and responding to planning applications and consultations as part of the planning team

In addition, you would contribute actively to our Executive Committee meetings every two months, which gives firm strategic direction to the organisation, sets overall policy, defines goals, sets targets and evaluates performance.

Influencing decisions affecting the future of Bedfordshire's countryside is at the heart of what we do. Your input will help us become better at protecting Bedfordshire's countryside and make a difference to communities and wildlife across the county.

This is an important time for CPRE Bedfordshire. In 2017, the branch will be 30 years old, and in that time the branch has evolved into a respected local environmental organisation with a voice on local planning issues.

Over the next few years we would like to become better at taking opportunities to raise our profile, build membership and actively campaign. Can you help us do this?

Person description

We hope that you have a background or expertise that you can bring to the team to help us boost our effectiveness as campaigners. For example, some professional experience of campaigning, marketing, planning or similar would be valued. We would also hope that you have the following capabilities:

- excellent organisational skills
- good written and verbal communication skills
- ability to work as a team member with a group of committed volunteers
- competence with IT and social media (or willingness to learn)
- an interest in the countryside.

What's in it for you?

This is an excellent opportunity to play a senior role in a respected local environmental organisation, applying your skills and experience to make a real difference and to be part of a friendly and passionate group. Benefits include:

- A great opportunity to use your background and to develop new skills
- Working with others to make a difference locally
- Opportunities to attend national CPRE activities, events and workshops

Time commitment

This role is mainly home-based, with the option of using our branch office in Bedford. The time commitment each week is flexible - plus attendance at executive committee meetings every two months.

Further information

If you would like further information about this role, please email nicola.scholfield@cprebeds.org.uk or phone on 01234 353331 (office is open most Mondays and Thursdays, otherwise please leave a message and we'll return your call.)

To apply for this role, please send a CV and covering letter to our chair, Gerry Sansom, at gerry.sansom@cprebeds.org.uk.