



The countryside charity Gloucestershire

CPRE Gloucestershire (Charity Number 1187143)

Appointment of Treasurer

About us

CPRE exists to promote and enhance the countryside and to protect it from unsustainable development and practices. We strive for a thriving countryside for everyone to enjoy – today and for generations to come. It is so important for our health and wellbeing, providing the food we eat and as a haven both for us and for the nature and wildlife we love.

But the countryside is under threat as it evolves. Change in our countryside is inevitable, and necessary to meet the needs of both rural and urban communities, but if it's going to thrive and survive, it needs our help now.

At CPRE, because we collaborate with everyone from communities to business, government to landowners – both locally and nationally – we see the bigger picture. Which means that we can influence effective, balanced and lasting progress in the countryside, finding ways forward to enrich all our lives, wherever we live.

Our campaigning is evidence-based and reasoned, as well as passionate. We have a long track record of achievement and are experts in the planning system and in assessing landscape character, locally and nationally.

We are independent and non-political, defending the countryside in the public interest.

This is an exciting time to join CPRE. The pressure on our Countryside is as high as it has ever been from housing. There are big issues that need to be addressed such as the use of land for renewable energy rather than food. We need to broaden CPRE's appeal to new audiences so that we broaden support for our vital work. We need to engage better with local communities and to articulate CPRE's purpose in a positive, solution-focused way,

making the case for the enhancement, sustainability, promotion and protection of our countryside.

About the Role

Our present Treasurer, who is a chartered accountant, has been in post since 2015 and is required to retire in spring 2024 under the terms of our Constitution. We are looking for a new treasurer to join our Board of trustees to undertake the essential role of planning and accounting for our finances to ensure the long-term sustainability of our charity. The role involves providing well-grounded advice to the Board, ensuring the charity's financial resources meet its present and future needs and that there are proper accounting procedures and controls in place. It also involves overseeing the preparation and examination of the annual accounts.

You will join a friendly, experienced and knowledgeable Board of Trustees. We have a modest budget and a small office which is currently based in Community House close to the Cathedral in the centre of Gloucester.

Responsibilities

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping the Board apprised of the charity's financial health.

- Advising on the financial implications of our plans.
- Overseeing the presentation of budgets, internal management accounts, and annual financial statements.
- Ensuring proper accounting records are maintained and appropriate accounting procedures and controls are in place.
- Ensuring CPRE Gloucestershire complies with relevant legislation, regulations, and financial reporting requirements.

As a Trustee, the Treasurer shares the general responsibilities of trustees to:

- Safeguard and promote the reputation, vision, mission, and values of CPRE Gloucestershire.
- Ensure CPRE Gloucestershire complies with its governing documents, relevant legislation, and regulatory requirements.
- Help set the overall strategic direction of CPRE Gloucestershire by agreeing on organisational policies, budgets, and objectives, ensuring targets are set, and performance is measured against those targets.
- Ensure that key risks are identified, monitored, and controlled effectively.

Person Specification

Given the particular role of the Treasurer, we are seeking someone who has:

- experience in financial management and accountancy, ideally but not necessarily as a qualified accountant.
- A passion for environmental and countryside issues in support of CPRE's mission to *'promote, enhance and protect a thriving countryside'*
- Proven ability to communicate and explain financial information to non-finance professionals, members, the Board, and other stakeholders.
- A collaborative attitude and ability to work well with the Board, staff, and volunteers.
- Good independent judgment and analytical and evaluation skills.
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of being a Trustee.

If you would like further information and an informal chat please contact our Chair, Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE by email at chair@cpreglos.org.uk.

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