



The countryside charity
Hertfordshire

Chair

Flexible role, approximately 6 - 8 hours per week

CPRE Hertfordshire is a long-standing and well regarded environmental charity dedicated to protecting, promoting and enhancing the Hertfordshire countryside for everyone's benefit.

We will soon need a new Chair to lead our Board of Trustees and develop our future work. If you love Hertfordshire's countryside and want to help us grow in capacity and influence, we'd like to hear from you.

What will you be doing?

We're seeking a proactive and articulate leader ideally with some experience of charity governance and board management to become Chair of our charity. Our current Chair wishes to retire from the role, and the successful candidate will become Vice Chair for several months during a transition period before being appointed Chair.

We're seeking someone to help advocate for our campaign priorities and oversee the future direction and development of our charity. We need someone who will support our fundraising, membership and engagement initiatives, build relationships and represent CPRE at key external stakeholder meetings, and liaise with other local CPREs and national CPRE.

Public speaking and media experience would be a bonus. Experience in charity governance is also desirable, as is the commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability and financial resilience of CPRE Hertfordshire.

You need to live in Hertfordshire, and you will work flexibly from home and from our small office in Welwyn village, with occasional travel elsewhere in the county.

What are we looking for?

You will be passionate about the countryside and possess the imagination and leadership skills to move our plans forward with a strong vision and purpose. Your energy, tenacity, and diplomacy will help build our capacity and influence.

Ideally, you will bring some of the following qualities:

- Previous experience in leadership, management and organisational development

- Good interpersonal skills with the ability to demonstrate diplomacy, impartiality, respect and confidentiality
- Previous experience of committee work - paid or voluntary
- Knowledge of environmental and countryside issues
- Knowledge of the charity sector
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Experience of working with people from different backgrounds and abilities
- Sufficient, flexible daytime and evening availability to fulfil the role (approximately 6 to 8 hours per week on average)
- A commitment to CPRE campaigns and initiatives
- We ask that all Trustees are, or are willing to become, members of CPRE (it's quick and easy to join)

What difference will you make?

As Chair you'll provide leadership to our Board of Trustees, an excellent team with a broad range of experience, and guide the future strategy, direction and development of our charity. Working collaboratively with your fellow Trustees, our Chief Executive, volunteers and paid staff, you will help increase our visibility, promote our campaigns and increase our membership. You'll help advocate for positive solutions and make a real difference with regard to the issues facing the local countryside and the environment.

What's in it for the volunteer?

You'll have the satisfaction of leading a local charity with a long history of campaigning to promote, protect and enhance Hertfordshire's countryside. You'll meet like-minded people throughout Hertfordshire and across the country, and lead a team of passionate individuals. You'll get involved with social events, networking activities, and topical workshops on a local and national level, and you'll be able to participate in relevant training.

Before you apply

Prospective applicants are very welcome to have an informal chat about the role with Eliza Hermann, Volunteer Coordinator, in advance of making an application. To apply, please submit your CV along with a cover letter describing your interest in and suitability for the role. All applications will be acknowledged. Short-listed candidates will interview with the current Chair, several Trustees and Eliza.

For more information or to apply please contact us at office@cpreherts.org.uk