

# Devon Communities Together

## Could you be our new Treasurer?



*Pictured: Our Chair, Nicola Gurr and our CEO, Nora Corkery, at the Devon County Show July 2021*



Being a Trustee of a charity is a great way of using your experience and enthusiasm to make a difference to people’s lives, meet new people and even learn some new skills along the way. An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced person to join our Board of Trustees as our new Treasurer. Find out more below ...

### *Who are we?*

DCT is an independent charity and company limited by guarantee. We are one of 38 Rural Community Councils (RCC) and a member of Action With Communities in Rural England (ACRE), which brings together all the RCCs in rural counties across England. 2021 is a special year for us, as it marks our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Find out more at [www.devoncommunities.org.uk](http://www.devoncommunities.org.uk).

### *What do we do?*

Living in Devon can be wonderful but we understand that there are also many communities and people that are facing serious challenges. Devon Communities Together works with a broad range of people who may need support; from older people at risk of loneliness to young people struggling to access employment; from those in fuel poverty to social enterprises and small businesses; from groups keeping their communities safe during emergencies to village hall committees maintaining these vital community assets - and many more.

Our approach is always to ‘help communities to help themselves’.

### **What does our Board do?**

\*source: <https://www.gettingonboard.org/post/how-to-recruit-trustees-for-your-charity-a-practical-guide-launches-today>

Our Board members are both a Trustee of the charity and a Company Director. The Board takes a strategic overview of the organisation and provides guidance to our staff team, which handles the day-to-day operational management of the organisation and service delivery. Our new Treasurer will play a key strategic role in shaping the financial future of our charity.

### **What will be required of the Treasurer?**

Our new Treasurer will be required to attend quarterly Board and Finance & Personnel Committee meetings; attend occasional strategic planning days; and engage with key Board members and senior staff outside of these meetings.

Your time commitment will be around one day per month and the position is voluntary, although you will be able to claim expenses.

### **What will you get out of it?**

Our new Treasurer will benefit from valuable new skills and experience in charity governance and finances, as well as the opportunity to meet and network with new people, including our expert staff team. We provide opportunities for Trustees to join staff outings, public events, working groups and team meetings if they wish to, and provide regular trustee communications so you can feel part of our team.

Above all, you will be providing valuable guidance to help DCT support communities all over Devon, helping us create positive change for thousands of people.

### **What experience are we looking for?**

You’ll be energetic and enthusiastic about supporting the aims of our charity. Our new Treasurer will also have financial and accounting qualifications/experience, as well as the skills to analyse proposals and their financial consequences.

