

Devon Communities Together



Could you be our new Trustee?

Pictured l-r: Nora Corkery, CEO; Charlotte Gough, Treasurer; Renee Smithens, Vice Chair; HM Lord Lieutenant David Fursdon, President; Nicola Gurr, Chair; Jo Atkey, Deputy CEO

Our trustees generated £44,739 in social value in the last year!



96% trustees said they learned a new skill*

84% trustees said it made them happier*

73% trustees said it boosted their confidence*

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 Trustee. Find out more below ...

Who are we?

DCT is an independent charity and company limited by guarantee. We are one of 37 Rural Community Councils and a member of Action With Communities in Rural England (ACRE), a national network of all the Rural Community Councils in shire counties across England. We recently celebrated our 60th anniversary and we are a well-established and respected member of the voluntary and community sector in Devon and a member of the Torbay, Plymouth & Devon Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector Assembly.

Find out more at www.devoncommunities.org.uk. Or email us at info@devoncommunities.org.uk or telephone us on 01392 248919.

What do we do?

Living in Devon can be wonderful but we understand that there are also many communities and people that are currently facing serious challenges. Devon Communities Together is an Asset Based Community Development organisation, working alongside a diverse range of people, community groups and statutory service partners to deliver place based support. We support rural communities across Devon around issues such as older people at risk of loneliness and social isolation; young people struggling to access employment and housing; those in food or fuel poverty; social enterprises and small businesses; groups keeping their communities safe during emergencies; 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 of Trustees do?

Our Board members have a dual legal role as Trustees of the Charity and Company Directors. The Board takes a strategic overview of the organisation and provides guidance to our Executive Management staff team, on the financial and legal aspects of organisational management. As our new Trustee, you will play a key strategic role in shaping the future sustainability of our charity.

Trustee Requirements

Trustees Meet on a quarterly basis for an in person Board meeting, Trustees may be asked to join a sub-committee which work on the same quarterly basis. The board of Trustees also are invited to attend an all day in person away day annually. There may also be adhoc other meetings, task and finish groups etc.

Trusteeship Benefits

Our new Trustee will benefit from the opportunity to develop valuable new skills, as well as the opportunity to meet and network with new colleagues, including our expert staff team. We provide opportunities for Trustees to join staff outings, public events, working groups and team meetings and training events if they wish to, and we provide regular trustee communications so that you 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 skills and experience are we looking for?

We are looking for someone who is energetic and enthusiastic about supporting the aims of our charity. It is not necessary to have previous Board experience, we can offer support and training.