

Become a Trustee for the Friends of the Ridgeway

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?

The Ridgeway National Trail (NT) is 87 miles long between Overton Hill near Avebury and Ivinghoe Beacon. It is one of the most popular National Trails in England, well-used by cyclists, equestrians, and runners as well as thousands of walkers every year. More than this it is an historic monument, an artistic inspiration, and an important natural environment through two National Landscapes: the North Wessex Downs and the Chilterns. The Friends of the Ridgeway (FoR) seeks to engage people living near to and using the Ridgeway in activities that spread knowledge and appreciation of its wealth of historic, artistic and environmental features.

The FoR collaborates with other organisations, such as the Wiltshire and Oxfordshire Councils' departments that deal with rights of way, the police, the Ramblers and the British Horse Society to maintain the Ridgeway NT as a safe place for us all to enjoy. We work with the Ridgeway NT Partnership and others to promote its value to the whole community as an essential part of everyone's life and heritage. We represent any concerns about the Ridgeway to those responsible for its maintenance. We also raise funds for maintenance and enhancement of the National Trail by the Ridgeway NT Officer.

Jane Imbush, a FoR Trustee, stood down at the 2025 AGM. Consequently, the FoR wishes to recruit another Trustee volunteer.

DESCRIPTION

Trustees are volunteers who lead charities and decide how they are run. Being a Trustee of the FoR is a great way to help us maintain and improve the visitor experience on the Ridgeway. As a Trustee you will contribute to the development, improvement and maintenance of the National Trail.

EXPERIENCE

- A passion for nature and the countryside.
- An affinity for the Ridgeway National trail
- Able to contribute and be part of a small team.
- Able to contribute to discussions and decisions.
- Able to communicate your views to the Trustees.

COMMITMENT

We have 4 board meetings a year plus an AGM (held online). Board meetings are normally held at the Court Hill Centre, close to the Ridgeway above Wantage, and last around 2 hours. Trustees are involved in the administration of our annual Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize Exhibition.

<https://ridgewayfriends.org.uk/>

Interested or need further information?

Please contact the Chair Simon Kearey at

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