



## Volunteer as a member of the National Trust's Natural Environment Advisory Group



### Who we are

We look after the places and collections you love, from houses, buildings and gardens to coast and countryside. We exist because people share the idea that beautiful natural and historic places matter – for our spirit, our wellbeing and our relationships. We don't seek to preserve or present one unchanging view of our country, rather we celebrate its variety. Whether it's historic houses, farms, coastlines, woodlands, terraced houses or city parks, we stand up for the places that matter to people everywhere. We take our responsibility to protect very seriously, and we want beautiful places to look and feel amazing forever. We also believe that we need to be an organisation that puts people first. We are open to all, whether you love walking in the outdoors, campaigning for nature, immersing yourself in history or simply want to spend time in a beautiful place with family and friends. We want to make sure that, **no matter who you are or where you come from, you feel welcome** and able to make a difference to the places that matter to you.

### Who we're looking for

We are looking for new members to join the Natural Environment Advisory Group, to share their unique expertise and act as critical friends. Natural Environment is one of four voluntary Advisory Groups in the Trust providing advice and provocation to the discussion of strategic topics commissioned by members of the Exec team. The other groups are: Commercial, Collections & Interpretation, and Historic Environment which together cover the areas where external volunteer advice is greatly valued. These groups are highly respected professionals who give their time, both as individuals on site, and working as a group at bi-annual meetings, to advise on strategy, significant projects and acquisitions. Natural Environment Advisory Group members also act as a source of advice and peer review in relation to all aspects of land, outdoors and nature, be that rural or urban, including: coast, countryside and farmed land, wildlife, natural aspects of gardens or built structures, environmental change and impact of major infrastructure. The key areas of Trust strategy this group influences are **Restoring a healthy beautiful natural environment** and **Looking after what we've got**.

We are looking for new members who are capable of working at both a strategic level at group meetings, and in a detailed way on visits to regional Trust sites. Experience of working on landscape-scale projects and previous involvement in conducting or commissioning research is desirable.

Volunteers will be expected to reflect the Trust's Values & Behaviours at all times, providing insightful and constructive advice in a collegiate and professional manner during meetings and out on site.

We are looking for new members whose expertise and interests cover one or more of the following areas:

- **Ecology**, with skills in land, habitat and species management and the adaptation of habitats and species to climate change.
- **Ecological Data** with skills in the management and analysis of 'Big Data', understanding the place of citizen science in data procurement, and realising the full potential of remote sensing in ecosystem management and monitoring.
- **Coastal Ecology** with skills in coastal zone management and the delivery of ecosystem services from coastal and offshore marine habitats and biotopes.
- **People & Nature**, with experience connecting and engaging people with the natural environment. This may include citizen science and the role of the natural environment and outdoors in improving health and wellbeing.

We are looking for colleagues who have passion for and extensive knowledge in these areas, who possess a curious mind, and a collegiate outlook. The role requires a commitment of up to ten days a year and is for an initial term of three years, with the potential for a second term, pending agreement from staff and the volunteer in question. Advisory Groups each meet twice per year with an Advisory Groups Conference for all groups in the summer. Further to this, members can be invited to attend property visits to provide advice on specific projects or support strategic pieces of work. The positions are voluntary, but expenses are paid.

Applicants must submit a short CV and a covering letter expressing why they feel motivated to join the Group. **This recruitment process is for terms beginning in Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020. There will therefore be one new member starting in October and a further three joining the group the following Spring.**

**For further information:** Contact Isabel Gilbert, Advisory Groups Coordinator

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**Closing date:** 12:00, 21 June 2019

We are committed to equal opportunities. The National Trust is for everyone and we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

**Interviews:** 12 & 19 July 2019

**NEAG Autumn Meeting:** 17 & 18 October 2019