



New Trustees – Thames Rivers Trust

Thames Rivers Trust (TRT) is seeking new Trustees to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment, along with specific skills to bring different perspectives, increase our diversity, and strengthen our Board for the future. This voluntary role is open to all qualifying individuals, including those with no previous Board or Trustee experience.

Before applying, please check to see if you are eligible: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>

Who are we?

TRT is a registered charity founded in 1986 and is part of The Rivers Trust movement, we are the Hub Trust for the Thames catchment, with our partners we are dedicated to improving the Thames and its tributaries for the benefit of people, wildlife and the environment.

TRT is committed to developing a collaborative, partnership approach that maximises the benefits of public, private and third sector organisations working together with communities to deliver integrated outcomes. Our most recent flagship project was the successful Thames Catchment Community Eels Project.

TRT administers The Thames Catchment Forum. The forum brings together catchment partnership hosts within the Thames Catchment and additional stakeholders to receive updates from Thames Water and the Environment Agency and discuss generic issues and propose solutions.

Working in partnership, including sharing knowledge and expertise at meetings or creating and developing projects to restore or improve rivers as well as educating and including local communities, means we can work together and achieve more.

Rivers are vital, for communities and for a wealth of wildlife species; yet they are facing a multitude of serious threats and challenges. Together we and our partners are striving at many levels to preserve and improve rivers now and for the future in the Thames catchment.

What is a Trustee?

Charity Trustees are the people who share ultimate responsibility for governing a charity and directing how it is managed and run. Some charity trustees see their role as turning up to 4 meetings a year, but engaged trustees do a lot more than that.

Our Trustees use their skills, knowledge and experience to support TRT, helping the charity achieve its aims. Trustees also often learn new skills during their time on the board.

What are we looking for?

An interest in the environment is essential and an interest in or knowledge of the Thames Catchment would be beneficial; in addition, do you possess **any** of the following skills or qualities?

- Fundraising
- Legal
- Commercial
- Marketing and campaigns
- Digital/social media/comms
- Stakeholder engagement
- A willingness to participate in discussions and decision making

If yes and you have time to commit to a growing charity, that is looking to develop and deliver more we want to hear from you!

Our board of Trustees meet up quarterly in person, during the day in London, along with the CEOs of our partner organisations. In between these meetings trustees are in touch on an ad-hoc basis with our small, but dedicated team (through email, Zoom and telephone).

Our Management Committee partners – Action for the River Kennet, Thames21, South East Rivers Trust, River Thame Conservation Trust, Cotswolds Rivers Trust, Crane Valley Community Interest Company.

TRT values its Trustees and their contributions and will offer support and guidance to all new Trustees. The role of a Trustee is a voluntary one, however the Trust provides indemnity insurance for Trustees and reasonable expenses incurred on authorised Trust business will be reimbursed.

Application

To find out more about us visit: www.thamesriverstrust.org.uk

The deadline for applications is midnight Friday 30th September 2022.
Interviews will be held the week commencing Monday 17th October 2022.

Please apply with your CV or an application letter to info@thamesriverstrust.org.uk or post to Thames Rivers Trust, PO Box 4248, Marlborough, SN8 9FH