



# Friends of Duchess Wood



**Friends of Duchess Wood are asking for your help and support.**

## **Trustee opportunities - Friends of Duchess Wood.**

Three of our longest serving Trustees have given notice they will not seek election at the next AGM.

**Do you walk in or use the Wood regularly for activities? Do you attend the events we hold? If so, would you or one of your household be prepared to become a Trustee and help with the work we do?**

As a registered charity, Trustees are essential to the running of the Friends and without sufficient numbers we cannot continue to carry out the work we do. The Wood is well used by many people and groups in the local community and visitors with some 70,000 visits a year. As such the Wood makes an important contribution to the mental and physical health, welfare and education of all who visit.

There is limited commitment required including attendance at four Committee meetings a year and an AGM, which is usually held in October/ November. However, we do appreciate due to other commitments you may not be able to attend all meetings.

At the Committee meetings we report on recent activities, membership numbers and finances and agree on the activities and projects Friends will pursue in future. A representative of owners usually attends the first part of the meeting so we can discuss any issues which need their agreement. However, there are opportunities also to become involved with other aspects of the Charies work such as events organization and work parties for example.

As we are a registered charity there are one or two items of training/familiarization which have to be covered and confirmation you are eligible to act as a Trustee e.g. have no criminal record. Otherwise there is no requirement for specialist knowledge, all that is needed is an enthusiasm to support the Wood.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Trustee or please put us in touch with someone who you think might be prepared to join the Committee and support its work. **Trustees need to be members of the FODW which only costs £10 per household per annum.** You can join here <https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT0001DAKVYDP5>

**By becoming a Trustee, you will be making a real contribution to this much valued amenity for the town.**

**In addition, we plan to hold several events this spring including a Dawn Chorus walk on the 14<sup>TH</sup> March, a Bat detecting evening in April and foraging walk in May. Watch out for booking information**

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