



Call for:

1. **Chair of Trustees**
2. **Trustee with Hospitality experience**
3. **Treasurer**

Background

Ford Park Community Group (FPCG) manages an 8-acre park, its building and grounds as a community amenity. The only large open green space within the town, Ford Park is a much loved and much used parkland, recreational area and venue for the town's key outdoor events. It's a valued community resource, important to the people of Ulverston. It is an important part of Ulverston's heritage, accessible to the community and visitors alike.

FPCG and the community of Ulverston saved Ford Park in 1998 when Cumbria County Council announced its intention to sell. At that time the site was derelict, buildings were boarded up and deteriorating, grounds were unattended and overgrown, attracting anti-social behavior. FPCG and volunteers worked hard to repair the buildings for occupation and gradually brought the garden and grounds back into use. We've been in the process of restoration and development ever since.

We aim to enhance the quality of life for the people of Ulverston and surrounding area, by providing recreational facilities and a wide range of community based projects, activities and events. In particular, we:

- ***Manage the grounds and gardens as a public park for the enjoyment of the whole community.***
- ***Support the disadvantaged and disabled through activities, training and volunteering opportunities.***
- ***Organise a programme of inclusive educational, cultural and social events and to operate and manage community facilities, food growing and environmental projects.***

FPCG owns the Coach House at Ford Park, a café run as a community enterprise (the Coach House Community Enterprise Ltd); the expectation of the Coach House is that it makes a profit, with any financial surplus supporting the charitable work of Ford Park Community Group.

Purpose

Our Trustee Members come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a diverse range of skills, experience and knowledge to our discussions. They are passionate about maintaining Ford Park as a green space accessible for the community of Ulverston and beyond, as well as supporting the diverse support and services we provide including socially inclusive volunteering and festivals and events.

To support FPCG moving forward, we are seeking to fill three roles:

1. **Chair of Trustees:** In our Chair of Trustees, we are looking for an exceptional facilitator and strategic thinker who has excellent interpersonal skills. You will have a sound understanding of charity governance and a rounded understanding of the challenges faced by small charities.
2. **Treasurer:** In our treasurer, we are looking for someone with excellent financial management skills and possibly an accountancy background.
3. **Trustee with hospitality experience:** We would also welcome **additional trustees** to our team. We are specifically seeking someone with experience in the hospitality sector and with sound business acumen.

Overall role of Trustees

As a member of the Board of Trustees, you will play a key role in developing Ford Park and its strategic direction, ensuring its sustainability, broadening its appeal and support.

In addition to the requirements specific to the roles described above, you will have good judgement and the ability to work as part of a diverse team.

In addition to the above, we would like to hear from you if you have:

- Financial planning, accountancy and fundraising skills
- Successful business management, in particular in the charity sector
- Hands on experience of the charity sector
- Stakeholder management experience
- Experience working in park management, commercial nursery management and maintenance or festival and event organisation
- Sound understanding of Human Resources
- Leadership and management skills
- Excellent communications skills

Above all, FPCG seeks individuals who have availability and commitment and who share our values and wish to contribute to the on-going success and sustainability of Ford Park.

The Board of Trustees meets around 10 times per year for approx. 2 hours on a weekday in the evening; however, Trustees become involved in projects and tasks outside of these times. Where possible, board of trustee members are expected to become involved in supporting our events and charitable activities in a hands-on capacity.

If you are interested in joining our Board of Trustees and feel you fulfil our criteria, please have an informal discussion with Jill Salmon, Chief Executive on 01229 580 666, or Shirley-Anne Wilson, Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees on 07766 507141.

Following your informal discussion, please submit your CV and cover letter, explaining your reasons for applying, to the Chief Executive of Ford Park Community Group, jill.salmon@ford-park.org.uk. Please indicate clearly the role for which you are applying.

Appointments are made subject to a Declaration of Interest.