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Deadline for Submission 22/12/17

Requirements of the Chairperson

The Chair is an ambassador for the Mendip Hills AONB Partnership – able to represent the Partnership at a high level, make connections and spot opportunities to assist in developing/delivering the AONB management plan and securing its long term legacy.

The role requires a commitment to serve a 2 year term.

The Partnership can offer reasonable expenses for travel and subsistence.

The Partnership Chair is a person who;

- has presence with good communication, energising skills
- has a passion for the Mendip Hills and is respected as an individual in a relevant area of interest – (e.g landscape/heritage/health and wellbeing) and able to influence others in the area
- is aware of current issues that affect the Mendip Hills
- is non-partisan, an advocate, politically aware and diplomatic
- able to work with and support the AONB Unit, having excellent interpersonal skills and able to be flexible and available
- is able to chair meetings of diverse membership
- feels comfortable leading a partnership
- is a confident and capable communicator with broadcast and other types of media

Essential

Chair a minimum of 2 Partnership meetings per year

Attend a minimum of 2/4 Officer Support Group meetings per year

Prepare a foreword for the Annual Review

Involves the vice-chair so that they are in a position to act if the chair is not available

Attend the Lead Officers and Chairpersons Meeting in November

Desirable

Attend the National Association for AONBs Conference in July

Represent the Mendip Hills AONB Partnership at key public events

Requirements of the Vice-Chairperson

The Mendip Hills AONB Partnership promotes and coordinates the conservation and enhancement of the Mendip Hills AONB

Where the chair is absent from any meeting or there is at the time a vacancy in the office of the chair, the vice-chair is to act as chair for the AONB Partnership.

The above requirements apply to the role of vice-chair and they will be expected to represent the Chair in relation to the Essential and Desirable criteria. The vice-chair is actively encouraged to attend Officer Support Group meetings to maintain an awareness of issues and activities.

The vice-chair may wish to pursue projects or activities agreed with the Partnership and/or OSG that support the AONB management plan that are relevant to their skills and interests.

Submission

It is strongly recommended you contact the AONB Manager, Jim Hardcastle, to discuss the requirements and clarify any points. 01761 462338 07976 690181
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Please supply 1 x side of A4 (or max 400 words) demonstrating how you meet the criteria and specifying which role (or both) you would like to be considered for. A shortlist will be made by the Officer Support Group of funding local authorities, the shortlisted individuals will then be voted on at the AONB Partnership meeting on March 15th 2018.

Please email your submission to jim@mendiphillsaonb.org.uk