



# Can you help shape the future of the Old Edinburgh Club and raise our profile?

## RECRUITMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

We are at an exciting time in the development of the Old Edinburgh Club and are looking for two or three new members of our Council of trustees, to join at our Annual General Meeting on 21 September.

Our traditional activities of events and visits remain popular and the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club is well-used and always receives plaudits. We have innovated, eg, in introducing the Bibliography of Edinburgh History, and now have opportunities to take advantage of recent legacies from Miss Jean Guild and Miss Jean Butchart.

The objectives of the Club are *“the study and support of all aspects of the history of Edinburgh, and the promotion and encouragement of interest in Edinburgh by means of lectures, visits, publications and appropriate activities for public benefit”*.

The Club is a charitable unincorporated association, charity SC006177 registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR).

### What’s involved?

Trustees (‘Council Members’) are responsible for setting and reviewing the direction of the Club, helping to run our activities efficiently and effectively, and promoting what we do.

Duties of trustees are to ensure that we:

- pursue the purposes of the Club, applying our resources exclusively in support of this
- comply with our constitution and act legally and ethically, observing charity law and other legislation
- maintain financial stability and probity
- safeguard the Club’s reputation, and

In addition to these statutory duties, we look to trustees to bring a range of skills, knowledge and experience (eg, research, finance, marketing and project management) in guiding and developing the Club.

Council meetings are held every two months on Zoom.

### Skills and personal qualities

*Ideally:*

- willingness to devote time and energy

- a strategic view
- responsible and accountable in personal conduct as a trustee
- proactive and creative in approach
- ability to work well as a member of a team

### Taking up the role

We shall provide a briefing to bring new trustees up to speed on the work of the Council. Guidance from OSCR can be found at <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/guidance-and-good-practice-for-charity-trustees>.

Ordinary Council Members serve for a maximum of three years before retiring. Our Constitution allows re-election after a gap of one year.

### Election of office bearers and trustees

Election of office bearers will take place at our Annual General Meeting on 21 September, at 7pm at the City Chambers, High Street.

Current office bearers and trustees are listed on our website at <https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/council/>.

### Interested?

If you feel you can add to the work of the Club, please contact either

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