



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

Recruitment of new committee members

We are at an exciting time in the development of the Old Edinburgh Club with new projects and success in attracting new members. We are looking for two or three people to join our Council of trustees, to be co-opted soon or to be nominated later in the year at our Annual General Meeting on 17 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 pursue collaborative projects and have innovated, eg, in introducing the Bibliography of Edinburgh History and most recently our Jean Guild Grants programme and Jean Butchart Bursaries.

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”*.

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.

We rely on a diversity of skills, knowledge and experience (eg, research, finance, legal, publicity and project management) in guiding and developing the Club. Everyone has something different to bring.

Formal duties of trustees are to ensure that we:

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

Council meetings are held every two months in person or online. We use subcommittees as necessary for specific tasks, eg, on marketing and on use of our legacy monies, and individual Council members may take on liaison roles with projects we support.



Skills and personal qualities

Ideally:

- willingness to devote some 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 brief new trustees to bring them up to speed on our work.

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.

Who are we?

Current office bearers and trustees are listed on our website at <https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/about/steering-and-organising-the-club/> with pen portraits at <https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/about/more-about-oec-council-members-our-trustees/>.

Interested?

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

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or

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before 8 September 2025 (ahead of our Annual General Meeting)

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