

# CANAL & RIVER TRUST

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## **ROLE PROFILE: Member, Waterway Partnership**

**Location:** Based within/knowledge of area relevant to the Partnership

**Reports to:** Chair of the Waterway Partnership

This is a volunteer position which is not remunerated, but agreed expenses will be reimbursed.

### **Purpose of the Role**

Members provide the knowledge, skills, expertise and capacity to enable the Partnership to undertake its work within its agreed Terms of Reference.

Members also provide the Partnership with wider contacts, access to key organisations and individuals, insights and perspectives to ensure the Partnership is well-briefed and in touch with issues within the Partnership area.

The duty of all Members of the Partnership is to act in the interests of promoting the charitable purposes of the Trust so far as they relate to the waterway rather than to represent any particular interests or causes.

### **Working Contacts**

*Internal:* Chair and Members of the Partnership, Waterway Manager and management team.

*External:* representatives of partners, stakeholders, particularly local organisations, special interest groups, community groups, funders, supporters, users, local authorities, local businesses and the community.

### **Time Commitment**

It is expected that the role will require 1-2 days per month, some of this during the working day.

Appointments are for 3 years and may be renewed for a second term to a maximum of 6 years.

### **Tasks and Responsibilities**

1. Work as a member of the Partnership team under the leadership of the Chair.
2. Provide leadership and expertise in a specific area or areas to support the work of the Partnership.
3. Contribute to the development of strategies and plans by the Waterway and Partnership to shape the development and stewardship of the Waterway.
4. Undertake practical action to help the Partnership deliver agreed objectives and programmes of work
5. Represent the Partnership, as required, in developing beneficial relationships with local authorities, local businesses, the community, funders and supporters.

6. Understand the breadth of the work of the Waterway in the context of the Trust and work with the Waterway Manager and Chair to support the agreed priorities of the Trust and Partnership.
7. Support and promote the work of the Trust.

**Challenging aspects of the role:**

Delivering on detail and building a strategic view.

The challenges of available funding and resources.

Developing practical relationships that will enable the Partnership to deliver locally.

Working in a complex matrix of relationships – Partnership members, Waterway Management, local community, partners, stakeholders, funders – to support the work of the Partnership and the wider objectives of the Trust.

**Knowledge Skills and Abilities**

- Members will be drawn from a range of backgrounds in the public, private and charitable sectors
- Members will offer knowledge, skills, experience and be willing to take a lead in **one or more** of the following areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boating</li> <li>○ Commerce</li> <li>○ Community engagement</li> <li>○ Environment and heritage</li> <li>○ Engineering and asset management</li> <li>○ Education</li> <li>○ Finance</li> <li>○ Fundraising</li> <li>○ Health and well-being</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Partnership working with local government, commercial and charitable sectors</li> <li>○ Planning and regeneration</li> <li>○ Public Relations, public affairs, the media</li> <li>○ Tourism</li> <li>○ Volunteering</li> <li>○ Waterway users - including walkers, anglers, cyclists</li> </ul>
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- Key skills and abilities
  - Locally based, credible, and respected locally/regionally
  - Good contacts with key stakeholders in the Partnership area
  - Capable of working at a strategic level
  - Approachable with good interpersonal skills
  - Experienced in partnership working and a team player
  - Availability of time and energy to commit to the Partnership
  - Enthusiastic for the aims of the Trust

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