



Landscape Partnership Board Member

Secrets of the Sands is a Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Programme for the Greensand Ridge led by BRCC and the Greensand Trust.

The vision is that by 2020 the Greensand Ridge will become a living and working landscape that is cherished by present and future generations and we will have reversed the gradual decline in the area's landscape character, and will have created a strong, community led partnership and strategic framework to promote the area's interests and secured the necessary long-term financial and community investment to sustain the area's distinctive natural and built heritage.

The aims are:

1. To restore and strengthen landscape character in the area, focusing on key habitats and built environment features intrinsic to the landscape,
2. To reconnect local communities with their landscape
3. To invest in skills to enable the stewardship of the landscape for generations to come
4. To contribute to rural economic growth
5. To create a robust, effective partnership for managing the landscape beyond the life of the Landscape Partnership scheme

The Programme threads for this programme are:

'Living Heaths' – heathland and acid grassland restoration, conservation and promotion

'Working Woodlands' – ancient and broadleaved woodland conservation and promotion

'Historic Parks' – historic parkland and wood pasture restoration, conservation and promotion

'Community Heritage' – community led historic built (specifically sandstone structures) and natural environment conservation and enhancement

'Revealing the Ridge' – set of heritage themed walking, cycling and horse riding trails, supported by local heritage information and interpretation and artworks

'Celebrating the Ridge' – public awareness raising events and activities, including community arts, storytelling, photography, heritage roadshow and festival and educational outreach

'Heritage skills' – formal and informal skills training for heritage feature owners/ managers and community volunteers, including conservation management and promotion

We are looking to recruit an experienced and independent Chair, but also other board members on a voluntary basis. We are particularly interested in hearing from anybody who has experience of chairing such boards, but also from other potential board members who may have skills in the following areas: Land ownership or management, community engagement, engaging groups underrepresented in the countryside and financial management.

If you believe you have the relevant experience and knowledge and want to help to sustain the Greensand Ridge's distinctive natural and built heritage, please contact Claire Poulton for further information on

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