



Christ's Hospital of Abingdon

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is seeking to appoint a new Governor.

Christ's Hospital is the oldest of Oxfordshire's charities and dates from 1553. It is controlled by The Master, twelve Governors and support staff managed by The Clerk to the Governors. The Master and Governors meet monthly, around the oak table in Long Alley Hall, as Christ's Hospital Governors have done for the past four hundred and seventy years.

As a Governor you will play a very important role, responsible for governing the charity, providing strategic oversight of the charity's operations, and likely taking responsibility for one of our aims and objectives.

Christ's Hospital are fortunate in having sufficient resources to allow them to maintain the annual funding of their prime objectives which are:

- The care and maintenance of the town's historical Almshouses to the standards required of listed buildings and of comfortable modern living, so providing accommodation for 30 residents.
- Providing grants to those referred to the Charity by care agencies.
- Providing educational grants to school pupils from Abingdon in case of special need.
- Supporting local organizations deemed by the Governors to be of benefit to the residents of Abingdon.
- Providing a public service to the town by maintaining Albert Park for use by the people of Abingdon.

Although an ancient charity, Christ's Hospital Governors are ambitious about our service development, ensuring that we are responding to the current and future needs of our beneficiaries.

We invite interest from individuals of all ages and cultures. We are keen to hear from individuals who will bring different backgrounds, knowledge and ideas, alongside a desire to develop their personal and professional skills within a team of experienced and dedicated Governors and staff. Please note that previous Governor or Trustee experience would be beneficial but is not essential. Your 'lived' experience is as important and full induction will be given to support new Governors.

The role of Governor is a voluntary position. The time commitment will be a minimum of a day per month, made up of monthly Governor meetings and time to input on other charity matters.

Traditionally Governors are recruited from individuals with strong connections (residency or employment) with the Town of Abingdon.

How might you personally benefit from becoming a Governor Christ's Hospital?

- The satisfaction of playing an important role in a charity at the heart of the Town of Abingdon.
- An opportunity to exercise and share your skills and knowledge for the benefit of the local community.
- A chance to contribute to the Charity's strategic growth.
- A chance to augment your experience of charities and gain new skills.
- An opportunity to work alongside other skilled and committed Governors.
- High-quality induction and training in the operation of Christ's Hospital.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor of Christ's Hospital, in the first place, send a letter of application to Mrs Gillian Kent, Clerk to the Governors, at the address shown below explaining your connections with the town of Abingdon, how you believe you can contribute to the skills and diversity of Christ's Hospital and what about the Governor role excites you and made you want to apply. If you have further questions, please also write to Mrs Kent. Closing date for applications is end of February 2022

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Financial Details can be found at

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/205112>

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