

Trustee (Voluntary Role)

St John's Winchester

Are you passionate about helping older people live well, with dignity, independence, and a sense of belonging?

St John's Winchester is one of England's oldest charities, with a history stretching back over 900 years. Today, we provide almshouse accommodation and community-based support for older people in Winchester, alongside a growing dementia support service for the wider community.

We are now seeking new Trustees to join our Board at a pivotal moment in our development.

About the Role

As a Trustee, you will play a key role in shaping the future of St John's Winchester. You will work alongside fellow trustees and the executive team to provide strategic leadership, ensure good governance, and support the long-term sustainability of the charity.

This is a voluntary role, offering a meaningful opportunity to contribute your skills and experience to an organisation that makes a real difference in people's lives.

What We're Looking For

We are particularly interested in individuals with experience in:

- Adult health and social care
- Community engagement and development
- Services supporting older people, wellbeing, or independent living

However, we are open to applications from a wide range of backgrounds. Previous trustee experience is not required.

Above all, we are looking for people who:

- Care deeply about the dignity and wellbeing of older people
- Value community, connection, and inclusion
- Bring curiosity, sound judgement, and a collaborative approach
- Are willing to both support and constructively challenge

We especially welcome applications from those with lived experience of ageing, caring, or community-based support, and from backgrounds currently underrepresented on charity boards.

Why Join Us?

- **Make a real local impact** – support older people to live independently and well
- **Be part of a 900-year legacy** – help shape the future of a historic Winchester institution
- **Contribute to meaningful change** – we are evolving our model to respond to growing need
- **Develop your skills** – gain experience in governance, strategy, and leadership

St John's manages around 100 almshouse homes, delivers over 1,200 dementia support interactions each year, and stewards nearly £50 million in assets for long-term community benefit.

Time Commitment

Approximately **8–10 days per year**, including:

- Five Board meetings annually
- Participation in at least one committee
- Preparation and occasional engagement with events and stakeholders

Most meetings take place in person in Winchester, with some flexibility for hybrid attendance.

How to Apply

To apply, please send:

- A short CV
- A brief statement (1–2 pages) outlining your interest and what you would bring

Email: tim.bissett@stjohnswinchester.co.uk

Deadline: Thursday 28 May 2026