



Trustee of The Merchant's House (Marlborough) Trust, September 2024

About the Merchant's House

The Merchant's House was rebuilt following the Great Fire of Marlborough in 1653 as the home of the Bayly family, who were prominent silk merchants. Acquired for the town in 1991, its historic fabric has been lovingly restored by the Trust, and it is now open to visitors alongside a new museum interpreting the history of this vibrant market town.

What we are looking for

The Merchant's House is embarking on an exciting new phase as we embed our new strategic plan, having opened for full visitor access for the first time in 2024. As the Merchant's House looks to expand its work and programmes with improved visitor experiences, education, and events, we are seeking to enhance our board.

We are seeking two additional trustees who can bring experience in the following specific areas:

- 1) A trustee with practical experience and knowledge of the Museum or Heritage sector, to help guide our work to process our collections, improve interpretation and visitor experience, seek grant funding, and achieve Museum Accreditation. This Trustee will also sit on our Heritage Committee.
- 2) A trustee with retail or visitor services experience, to help guide direction for our gift shop, located in the ground floor of the House and a vital part of our revenue generation. As we embark on a new phase of visitor access, we need to breathe fresh life into our shop and ensure it is both commercially viable and supports the overall visitor experience to the historic house. This Trustee will also be a director of our Limited Trading Company.

Role on Trustee board:

- To oversee the strategic development and growth of the charity in line with its aims and objectives.
- To take an active lead in your agreed areas, agreeing short and long term objectives and ensuring the delivery of results.
- To be part of the Museum's active management, working with other trustees and paid staff, running the museum as a business.
- To work effectively with other Trustees, employees and volunteers to improve the Trust's operations and activities.

Commitment required:

Monthly board meetings (2 hours) and Committee meetings (1 hour) – in person, onsite. Approximately 4 hours per week additionally to provide oversight and drive activity in your strategic area.

For an application form and further details please have a look at our website www.themerchantshouse.co.uk or email trustmanager@themerchantshouse.co.uk

Patrons: Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton (Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire), Clive Aslet, James Ayres, Sir Simon Jenkins,

Eric Knowles, The Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey Bishop of Ramsbury, Lady Sykes.

Trustees: Alison Galvin-Wright (Chair), Mervyn Hall (Vice Chair), Guy Deatker, Martha Fogg,

Ted Hiscocks, Joanne Patrick, Lois Smith, Cllr Andrew Ross, Cllr James Sheppard.

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