

## The Woodland Trust Role of the Board of Trustees



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The role of the Board of trustees (the Board) of the Woodland Trust is to ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit while making best use of the resources available.

In order to help the charity achieve these aims, the role of the Board is to:

- provide strategic leadership for the charity and its charitable objectives
- agree the strategy, activities, policies and resource allocation for delivery
- ensure propriety and effectiveness of fundraising
- approve key performance measures, budgets and policies
- review the organisation's performance and hold the management team to account for delivery, through evaluating performance against agreed targets
- report for the organisation (eg annual report and review)
- appoint, supervise and support the CEO
- promote and safeguard the brand and reputation of the organisation
- ensure compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements
- ensure appropriate consideration and management of risk
- engage with and enlist support, including financial support, from a wide range of supporters and stakeholders

The Board will generally comprise 10 to 12 trustees, one of whom is the Chair. Trustees are appointed for a four-year period which can be extended by a further four-year term following a review and mutual agreement. There is also a review of trustee engagement after the first year of service.

The Board currently has three standing committees: the Board Affairs Committee (BAC), which deals with governance matters and appointments; the Remuneration Committee; and the Finance Committee (members of which also comprise the Audit and Investment Committees).

The Chair of the Finance Committee should have recent and relevant financial experience.