

Fordhall Community Land Initiative (FCLI), a not-for-profit community owned society in Market Drayton, is seeking two or three voluntary Directors with a background (ideally 3 years +) in at least one of the following:

- Health and safety
- Marketing, fundraising and communications
- Community engagement and education, preferably outdoor education
- Impact measurement and management
- Finance and accounting
- Charity law and legal aspects
- Environmental knowledge that will assist with our move to net zero

These are exciting opportunities for people who are passionate about organic farming, our local community, well-being, good food and helping our community move towards more sustainable living models.

The Board needs to reflect the views, opinions and values of our vast membership, as it acts on their behalf. It is therefore vital to have a range of characters and backgrounds, as well as specific skills sets – we welcome you all!

Job Details

- Each Board member devotes a minimum of 9 days to Fordhall per year.
- Four Board meetings are held per year at Fordhall Farm, on a weekday 1pm-3.30pm.
- Each Director is also a member of at least one sub group; Finance and Business, Fundraising and Marketing, Estates Management, Education or others as needed such as Climate Action. Each sub group reports into the Board and works with the General Manager to develop plans, manage resources, issues and risks for that area of the enterprise. These sub groups meet at varying intervals. You should expect there to be up to a further 4 meetings per annum, with additional time for planning and support.
- An annual planning day is held with staff each autumn to review our progress and plan the following 12 months as a whole team.

All Directors must be shareholders of the FCLI and be formally elected onto the Board at the AGM, which is held in April each year.

About the Fordhall Community Land Initiative (FCLI)

FCLI owns and utilises Fordhall Organic Farm in North Shropshire as an educational, social and well-being resource, promoting sustainable farming and healthy living. We raised an amazing £800,000 in 2006 through a high profile national press campaign to enable Fordhall Organic Farm to be purchased by our 8,000 non-profit making shareholders, each purchasing one or more £50 shares. The society was created by Charlotte and Ben Hollins, when in their early twenties were faced with eviction from their long-standing tenanted family farm. Fordhall has now developed into an exemplar enterprise with wide reaching appeal and benefit.

The FCLI is incorporated as a charitable Community Benefit Society (previously Industrial and Provident Society).

After some extensive investment with our infrastructure onsite, we are now looking to improve the impact we have within the community, develop the offers we provide and ensure our work is encouraging a behavioural shift. We are looking for those to help us on this journey.

Our Mission Statement:

“To ensure Fordhall’s exemplar enterprise prospers and flourishes, proving that organic farming connected to the local community can offer a viable way of life for generations to come; allowing us all to live healthier, happier lives in harmony with Mother Nature.”

Our Vision:

“By restoring connections between hearts, minds and the soil, we will encourage and create meaningful change, which helps build health and resilience within people and planet.”

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The Board and their Collective Responsibilities

We have a maximum of 12 board members at any one time. We currently have three vacant spaces on the Board of Directors, including an opening for Treasurer (separate job description available). More members may put themselves forward to our members vote at the AGM.

For clarity, the Board is accountable to the FCLI shareholders for its actions. Operational management is delegated to the FCLI Manager, who has responsibility for all operational issues and decisions.

The Board of Directors is collectively responsible for the general control and management of FCLI and for:

- Health and Safety compliance and continuous improvement performance
- Setting its strategic direction and delivery of objectives
- Financial management to ensure the financial stability of FCLI
- Policy and procedures
- Risk and equality
- Compliance with all legal and other requirements ensuring that FCLI complies with its governing document, community benefit society legislation and any other relevant legislations or regulations.
- Acting with prudence, integrity and in the interests of FCLI at all times
- To ensure that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objectives.
- To ensure resolution of any disputes with FCLI
- To protect and manage the property
- To safeguard FCLI’s good name and values
- All other duties normally the responsibility of a Community Benefit Society in carrying out its activities.

Please send CV to: **Christine Tate (Chairperson)**

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Deadline: Monday 31st January 2022

Any enquiries or for further information please contact the above.