

HEAP PARKINSON HOMES

Registered Charity No 220129

The Heap Parkinson Homes is a small charity that owns and operates 12 Almshouse properties on Otley Road in Skipton.

The properties have recently undergone a programme of refurbishment.

Almshouses are the oldest form of charitable, low-cost, community housing for local people in housing need. The architectural design and implied spirit of almshouses promotes neighbourliness and well-being by reducing isolation and loneliness, yet they still allow independent living. They are micro-communities that offer companionship and remain a permanent part of the community in perpetuity so generation after generation of people in housing need will have a warm, safe place to call home in their local community.

The Trustees of the charity are the 16 Skipton Town Councillors. The Trustees would like to broaden the knowledge and expertise of its members and are looking to co-opt up to two additional Trustees.

What is a trustee?

Trustees ensure the charity has a clear strategy, and that its work and goals are in line with its objects. A trustee's role in a charity is to ensure that all decisions put the needs of the beneficiaries first.

Trustees must safeguard the charity's assets – both physical assets, including property, and intangible ones, such as its reputation.

Why become a trustee?

Being a trustee can be very rewarding. As a trustee you have the chance to support and shape the work and direction of the Charity, and you can make a significant difference to a cause that matters to you.

Being a trustee offers the opportunity for professional development. It can let you gain experience of strategy and leadership, and boost your CV. If you already have significant experience already, it can be stimulating to use it in a different and potentially challenging context.

As a trustee, you are part of a team and will have the opportunity to apply your skills and experience whilst learning from others. Working closely with a passionate team of people who have different perspectives is often one of the most enjoyable aspects of the role.

How much time does being a trustee take?

The Heap Parkinson Trust typically meets 3 to 4 times a year, usually in person and sometimes remotely via Zoom.

To find out more about the role of Trustees please see the guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do>

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