



## Trustee Vacancy

The Cottage Garden in Swan Street is owned and administered by a charity, the Ashwell Village Trust, who are currently looking for a new trustee. A vacancy has arisen following the resignation of a long-standing member.

Responsibilities of the Trustees include:

- Managing the Trust's finances,
- Ensuring that the Cottage Garden is kept well maintained as a valued village asset,
- Managing risks associated with the Cottage Garden including maintaining appropriate insurance,
- Adherence to the standards for trustees as set by the Charity Commission and liaising with it as appropriate,
- Considering the acquisition of other appropriate assets for the benefit of the village should this arise.

As a Trustee you would be expected to attend a small number of meetings a year including the Trust's AGM (all times/dates are set by agreement). The routine maintenance of the garden is undertaken by a volunteer working group who meet regularly under the guidance of a leader; the role of a trustee does not necessarily include any practical involvement with this group.

Further details of the Trust, and the Cottage Garden, can be found in the *Ashwell Yearbook* (see page 27 of the 2025 edition); on the Parish Council website under the heading 'Village Charities and Trusts' <https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/village-charities-and-trusts-/avt---ashwell-village-trust/>

The information held by the Charity Commission can be accessed on their website

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/> (registration no. 294673)

If you are interested in the Cottage Garden as a valued village asset, feel that you could contribute to the working of the Trust, and would like to apply, please

- Write a brief letter or email addressed to the Clerk to the Ashwell Village Trust (see contact details below) stating why you are interested and giving brief details of your background,

Or, as a first step contact one of the following current trustees for an informal chat

Graham Lee (Chair) 01462 742834/07751 343096

Liz Moynihan 01462 742363, Claire Moynihan 07977 09951,

Jane Porter 07729 227362, Simon Bettany (Treasurer) 01462 742398.

Deadline for receipt of applications: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

Email: [clerk@ashwell.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ashwell.gov.uk) c/o The Parish Council office, 6a Back Street, Ashwell, SG7 5PE