



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# Natural England Board opportunities



“Natural England is working in partnership with the Defra group and other government bodies to achieve our shared ambition to be the first generation to leave the natural environment in a better condition than we found it.

As a Board Member your leadership will be essential in driving this ambition with the senior leadership of the organisation. If you have the skills and experience to help lead and support Natural England, whatever your background, we very much look forward to hearing from you.”

Michael Gove, Secretary of State for the Environment

“This is a wonderful opportunity to join the dynamic Natural England Board to help protect and enhance our natural environment for current and future generations.”

Andrew Sells, Chairman, Natural England

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**Current recruitment:** Would you like to play a leading role in protecting and improving the natural environment for present and future generations? We are seeking 3 new members of the Natural England Board including a Chair for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee. We are looking for exceptional people who are able to provide strategic leadership to this large organisation, including a qualified accountant with the ability to Chair the Audit and Risk Committee. There is also a need for people with expertise and knowledge of rural and land management, business, or ecological, environmental or marine sciences. You may have these skills, or other areas of expertise relevant to Natural England. Applications are welcomed from any candidate who meets the essential criteria for the role. For further information please contact Andrew Morris, Defra Public Appointments Team on 020 802 66562; [publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or Mick Oliver on 07768291446; [mick.j.oliver@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:mick.j.oliver@naturalengland.org.uk)

**About Natural England:** Established under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, NE is the government’s adviser for the natural environment in England, helping to protect England’s nature and landscapes for people to enjoy and for the services they provide. Board members play an important role in supporting and encouraging the executive team to deliver value for money, excellent customer service and better collaboration with key partners while maintaining a clear overview, and ensuring business continuity, across the range of its functions.

**About Defra:** Defra wants Britain to be a great place to live. Our work plays a critical role in the wellbeing of everyone in the country through the creation of healthy environments, a world leading food and farming industry, a thriving rural economy and enhanced protection against floods and animal and plant diseases. Appointing high-calibre people from diverse backgrounds with relevant skills, knowledge and experience to the boards of our public bodies will help us to ensure that our work is more effective, resilient and accountable.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 23 October  
To apply please visit <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>

