



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Would you like to play a leading role in conserving and enhancing the natural beauty and special qualities of our most treasured landscapes?



AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY



"I am looking for a wide range of passionate and committed individuals who want to help shape the strategic direction of our National Park Authorities and AONB Conservation Boards. As a Secretary of State appointed member, you will have the opportunity to help conserve and enhance our most treasured landscapes now and for future generations. I welcome applications from people who have a clear understanding of land management, rural communities, as well as protection and enhancement of the environment."

Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity

Current recruitment: The Secretary of State, Michael Gove, and Lord Gardiner are seeking to appoint thirteen passionate and committed 'National' members to five National Park Authorities – North York Moors, Peak District, South Downs, Yorkshire Dales and the Broads Authority - and the Chilterns and Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Boards. Secretary of State Members have an important role to play overseeing the management of these special landscapes. They provide leadership and strategic input, at a non-executive level, to the National Park Authorities and AONB Conservation Boards which work to ensure the delivery of benefits to the nation and local communities.

Contact: If you have any questions about the appointments process or would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Andrew Morris, Defra Public Appointments Team on 020 802 66562; publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

These positions are non-salaried but certain allowances are available if needed. The time commitment varies between 1 - 4 days per month. For further information about this role and to apply, please visit the [Centre for Public Appointments](#).

Closing date for applications: Noon on 16 April



We actively encourage applications from individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds. Defra operates a guaranteed interview scheme for disabled people.



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