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Forestry Commission England Board opportunities



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“After nearly a century of creating and managing Britain’s forests, formal responsibility for Scotland’s forests will transfer from the Forestry Commission to the Scottish Government in April 2019 after which the Forestry Commission’s remit will be England focused.

We need a group of exceptional Forestry Commissioners from diverse backgrounds to help us deliver our vision for the future of forestry in England and discharge the full range of non-executive responsibilities. I very much look forward to working with the successful candidates in delivering that vision.”

Sir Harry Studholme, Forestry Commission Chair

Current recruitment: We are seeking to appoint up to five exceptional Commissioners from diverse backgrounds, with the ability to discharge the full range of non-executive responsibilities, to join the Forestry Commission (FC) Board. To meet the particular requirements of the FC we need individuals with expertise, passion and a successful track record in one or more of: the timber trade; finance skills; forestry and land management; community engagement; recreation and leisure markets; and customers and markets in relation to land management. See overleaf for the **essential criteria** successful candidates must demonstrate.

About the Forestry Commission: The Forestry Commission is a non-Ministerial Government department, headed by a Board of Commissioners, comprising a Chair and up to 10 other Forestry Commissioners. Its mission is to protect and expand England’s forests and woodlands and increase their value to society and the environment.

Contact: If you have any questions about the appointments process contact Defra Public Appointments Team on publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Forestry Commission on seceng@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Further information and to apply: please visit the [Centre for Public Appointments](#)
Closing date for applications: 15:00 on 9 October 2018



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The role: Appointments are initially for three years with a daily remuneration of £409 and reasonable travel expenses. Typical time commitment is approximately 30 days per annum.

Essential criteria: Candidates must be able to demonstrate all of the following:

1. An enthusiasm for and genuine interest in the work delivered by the Forestry Commission and support of its purpose, values and strategic direction.
2. Sound knowledge and expertise in good governance at senior levels in a large organisation in either the private or public sector, and/or an understanding of working with government.
3. Exceptional communication skills, high level of personal impact and the ability to provide constructive and independent leadership, challenge and support to the Board of a complex organisation.
4. Demonstrable ability to support an organisation through a period of significant operational and cultural change.

The successful candidates must abide by the [Principles of Public Life](#) and the [Code of Conduct for Board members](#)

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