

Director-Trustee Vacancies Lawes Agricultural Trust

Opportunities have arisen, due to retirement of current board members, for two new Trustee-Directors of the Lawes Agricultural Trust, a charitable trust based in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The role, which is non-remunerated, will play an integral role in the governance and supervision of this Trust which, as landlord and funder, plays a key part in the international food security and agri-tech sector.

Person Specification

- You will have knowledge of and / or a keen interest in the agricultural scientific research and innovation sector.
- You may have knowledge and experience of land, estates and property management, able to challenge and advise the executive management as appropriate.
- You will play a key role in overseeing the charity, ensuring we comply with our governance and legal requirements and avoid personal conflicts of interest when making decisions. Trustees are relied on to act responsibly, reasonably, and honestly.

Role Requirements and Required Commitment

- Two board meetings a year held during normal office hours at our offices in Rothamsted, Harpenden.
- Potential for other ad hoc meetings as required and agreed – primarily remote where suitable.
- Between meetings you may be required to review documents and correspondence via email.
- A Trustee role is voluntary and non-remunerated, but reasonable travel expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

About the Trust

The Lawes Agricultural Trust was established in 1889 by Sir John Bennet Lawes FRS, and supports original and innovative agricultural research, primarily through supporting Rothamsted Research's national and international agricultural science. Based primarily in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, the Trust is a charitable trust which owns the estates at Rothamsted, Harpenden, and Broom's Barn, Suffolk. The Trust fulfils its charitable purposes through grant funding; provision of agricultural, scientific and commercial accommodation; residential accommodation for ca.200 tenants in Harpenden and Suffolk; as well as supporting Rothamsted Research and over 30 commercial tenants, including start-ups.

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<https://lawestrust.org/about/>

Applications should take the form of a covering letter and CV, and be addressed to Karen Taylor –
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