



APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORS

We are currently looking for two new directors to join our board. The Trust is interested in receiving applications from people who live or work in Bewdley and the surrounding area.

About us

Bewdley Development Trust (BDT) is a community interest company which was formed in 2006 as the successor to Opportunity Bewdley. Any profits are retained within the company for the benefit of the community. We are committed to ensuring that Bewdley remains a thriving market town in which to live, work and visit. We work closely with residents, businesses and partner organisations including Bewdley Town Council, Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council. Our major funders include the Esmée Fairbairn Trust.

Our vision for Bewdley is "To have a thriving, high quality market town which meets the needs of the local community, develops and enhances the town's historic character, encourages and supports existing and new creative businesses and achieves a reputation distinct from other neighbouring towns".

The Trust has been successful in securing grants from a variety of funding sources to deliver projects which have made real improvements to the physical infrastructure of the town, given support to local community organisations and businesses, contributed to transport schemes and helped enhance and publicise Bewdley's offering as a visitor attraction.

As we move forwards, our mandate is to:

- Maintain and manage a portal website to represent the entire town
- Continue to deliver the Local Distinctiveness Action Plan - a project to enhance the offering of the town for residents and visitors
- Take ownership of certain built assets in the town and develop and maintain them for community benefit
- Work towards a sustainable environment including reducing energy use and the development of renewable energy sources
- Work with the public and private sectors to develop businesses and services to encourage business start-ups
- Seek funding for projects in the town
- Develop our own revenue streams to support the Trust in its objective to become financially sustainable.

As a social enterprise BDT supports a wide range of projects and initiatives. Some projects have produced feasibility work which may provide evidence to support future

project development. www.bewdley.org.uk is one of Bewdley Development Trust's original projects and we are committed to keeping the information provided fresh and up to date. You can find out more about the range of the Trust's projects through the website.

The board of nine directors meets approximately every two months and is currently chaired by Robert Smith. The Board is supported by Peter Miller, Managing Director and 3 part time members of staff. More details of current board members and staff are on our website. Directors are elected from the membership and serve for a period of three years when they are able to stand for re-election for a further three years. All directors must be members of BDT.

About You

We want to broaden the skills and experience base of our board as we move forward to undertake exciting projects in the future. You should ideally be resident or work in Bewdley and its surrounding area. We are looking for people who are interested in the development of their local community in the broadest sense and who are prepared to give their time on a voluntary basis to the benefit of the town. As a director you may like to get involved directly in our project work in addition to attending bi-monthly board meetings. We are particularly interested in people who have expertise in business development, marketing and ICT but would also welcome applications from others who feel that their skills, knowledge and experience could help the Trust. For an informal discussion please contact Robert Smith or Peter Miller at the Trust on 01299 405516.

How to apply

Please send a copy of your current CV to Peter Miller, Managing Director, Bewdley Development Trust, Snuff Mill Warehouse, Park Lane, Bewdley DY12 2EL together with a supporting statement of no more than 500 words explaining why you wish to become a director and what skills, knowledge and experience you could offer the Trust.

The closing date for applications is 30 March 2010. It is expected that interviews would take place in late April 2010.