



Northamptonshire Local Access Forum

Job Description - Forum Members role and purpose

POST TITLE: Northamptonshire Local Access Forum Member

SALARY: This is a voluntary post, but reasonable expenses associated with the normal work of the Forum will be reimbursed in line with the terms of reference for the group.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: The Northamptonshire Local Access Forum (NLAF)

POST OBJECTIVES:

To work co-operatively and positively with other members of The Northamptonshire Local Access Forum to give advice on securing improved access to the countryside for open-air recreation in ways that address social, economic and environmental interests.

MAIN DUTIES:

1. To consider and give advice to Northamptonshire County Council on the preparation and delivery of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
2. To consider and where appropriate give advice on the management of the rights of way network in respect of more general strategic issues
3. To consider and give advice on the development and implementation of wider access and related strategies e.g. the Northamptonshire County Council Local Transport Plan.
4. To assist Natural England, the Forestry Commission or other associated government organisations in respect of local restrictions on access to the countryside.

Person Specification - Selection criteria for Members of the Forum

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
SKILLS	<p>Good communication and inter-personal skills at all levels</p> <p>Ability to work constructively with competing interests</p> <p>Effective networking outside of the Forum meetings to represent the views of others</p>	<p>Proven ability to liaise with wider interests, media, government agencies</p> <p>Computer literacy, including the internet</p>
KNOWLEDGE	<p>Knowledge of countryside issues, particularly in Northamptonshire</p> <p>Knowledge of access to the countryside and the interaction between recreation, land management, conservation and other interests</p>	<p>Knowledge of central or local government procedures, non government organisations, or similar organisations</p> <p>Knowledge of relevant legislation</p>
EXPERIENCE	<p>Experience of dealing with and discussing strategic issues</p> <p>Experience of working in partnership/consensus and liaison with a variety of groups and interests</p> <p>For the Chair and vice Chair: Experience of chairing formal public meetings</p>	<p>Demonstrable contribution to countryside access</p>
PERSONAL COMPETENCIES	<p>Diplomatic, assertive and team worker</p> <p>Willingness to commit to the Forum meetings and training events for the term of appointment</p>	