

# **THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF GARDENING SOCIETIES**

Registered Charity No: 257391

## **Become a Trustee of the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies**

The work of the Federation is important in offering services and support to gardening clubs and societies in Gloucestershire and surrounding counties. Its role in supporting gardening in schools, although relatively small at the moment, is also important in attempting to ensure a continuing interest in gardening in future generations.

As a trustee you will participate in the discussion and decision taking related to the work of the Federation. Our constitution and the rules of the Charity Commission guide us in this process. Specific items might be approving grants to school gardening clubs, responding to items submitted by our affiliated clubs and societies, reviewing our income and expenditure, considering new initiatives that will benefit our affiliated clubs and societies or approving the annual reports.

Being a trustee gives the opportunity to influence our work and to be in contact with a wide range of club members with common interests.

There is a maximum of 5 meetings per year each lasting about 2 hours, Winter meetings are held on Saturday afternoons and Summer meetings on Wednesday evenings. Currently meetings are held in Maisemore Village Hall but we could vary the location for some meetings to reduce travelling. Travel costs to attend meetings are reimbursed. Meeting dates for the following year are agreed at our June meeting. Notice of meeting, together with an agenda is sent out to trustees at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Papers and reports are sent to members one week in advance of the meeting.

You will join a small group of existing trustees who will give any guidance you need in settling in to the role.

If you wish to discuss possible membership of the Executive Committee please contact the Chairman, Dennis Sutton ([dencloud@me.com](mailto:dencloud@me.com)) or the General Secretary, Rod Wells ([gfgs@cheltenhamorchids.org](mailto:gfgs@cheltenhamorchids.org)) or ask your own club/society to nominate you for election at the AGM to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

If interested, you could attend meetings as an observer prior to election to see if becoming a Trustee was for you?