

Wessex Archaeology seeks new Chair

Wessex Archaeology, one of the leading archaeological charities in the UK, is searching for a forward-thinking individual to take up the role of Chair of our Board of Directors to oversee the continued development of our vision of public benefit delivered through professional service.

We are passionate about sharing knowledge about the past and we believe in the positive effect this has on communities and their future wellbeing. Our highly skilled team of over 280 people generates an annual turnover of more than £13m by helping the engineering, construction, energy and development sectors meet their obligations in relation to the protection and enhancement of our cultural heritage.

Our new Chair will have a national reputation and profile, acquired through leadership roles in the private, public or third sector and will have a successful recent track-record as a senior leader within a complex organisation. Bringing experience of a non-executive role, ideally within the not-for-profit sector and motivated by an interest in history, archaeology or broader areas of cultural heritage, they will work to deliver an optimal balance between public benefit and client value.

Our current Chair, Ms. Eugenie Turton CB, took on the role on an interim basis and has been invaluable in steering us through a difficult period. Now that we have returned to profitability and a solid order book, she believes it is time for a new appointee to lead the Company through its next phase.

The successful applicant will join our Board as a Trustee and will subsequently be elected as Chair. The Board meets four times per year and the Chair should be prepared to be available to provide support and guidance to the fellow Board members and the Executive for a further 10 days per year. The position is unpaid but reasonable expenses will be met.

If you would like to know more about the role please contact our Company Secretary, Ian Phillips i.phillips@wessexarch.co.uk, for an information pack.

Closing date: 4 August 2017