

COURT BARN

A Museum of Craft & Design



Discover the stories and legacy of the craftspeople, designers and artists working in the north Cotswolds from 1900 to the present day

Trustee Information Pack

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About the Museum

Court Barn Museum celebrates the talented designers and craftspeople who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since the beginning of the twentieth century. This is a story of the Arts and Crafts movement and its legacy, a story of how a small town in a beautiful setting became a gathering place for designers and craftspeople of national and international reputation.

The permanent displays focus on nine individuals or workshops including C.R. Ashbee, Katharine Adams, F.L. Griggs, Gordon Russell, Hart Silversmiths and Robert Welch.



The 'Nine Lives' in Court Barn's permanent display:

C. R. Ashbee (Guild of Handicraft), Alec Miller (wood carver & sculptor) and the Hart family (silversmiths)

Gordon Russell (furniture)

Katharine Adams (bookbinding)

Paul Woodroffe (stained glass & book illustration)

F.L. Griggs (etching & engraving)

Michael Cardew (Winchcombe Pottery)

Robert Welch (silversmith & product designer)



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Exhibitions, events and community engagement



The summer 2023 exhibition showcased the work of eight QEST (Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust) Scholars and promoted the important work that QEST undertakes in supporting craftsmanship in many disciplines. An excellent relationship with QEST has been established, promoting the museum as place of craft and design excellence.

Additionally, the Museum took part in ArtFund's The Wild Escape project, which asked children to explore the creatures in our collections and learn about the importance of biodiversity through a visit to the local orchard. Over 100 children took part from three local primary schools as well as the local scout group.

The Guild of Handicraft Trust

Court Barn is a project of the Guild of Handicraft Trust



The Trust is governed by a dedicated, experienced and voluntary Board of Trustees. The trustees are responsible for policy, financial accountability and the overall management of Court Barn's operations.

We are seeking trustees and officers to bring new perspectives and experiences to shape Court Barn's future and govern its direction as the Museum looks towards its 20th anniversary in 2027.

Our Mission:

To encourage people to learn from and enjoy the Museum's collections showing the work of craftspeople from the Arts & Crafts movement onwards. To foster the appreciation of craft and design work; and to support local artists, designers and craftspeople.



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Chair of Trustees: About the Role



The Chair leads the board, ensuring that it governs the charity effectively, in service of the charity's vision and mission. The Chair leads in an inclusive way, supporting the board to work together well, and providing support and challenge to the Curator. The Chair is also an ambassador for the charity.

The Role of Chair of Trustees:

- Provide strategic leadership to the charity and the Board, ensuring that Court Barn achieves its mission.
- Work in partnership with the Curator and team to achieve our mission.
- Lead the board in ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities for the governance of the organisation.
- Optimise the relationship between the board and Court Barn staff and volunteers.
- Plan and chair the board meetings and the AGM, with others as appropriate.
- Act as a spokesperson and figurehead for Court Barn.



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Chair of Trustees: Person Specification

We are looking for...

- Experience of being a trustee and readiness to lead on the development of the board of trustees.
- A passion for the local Arts and Crafts heritage.
- A keen sense of strategic purpose to drive the Museum forward over the next 5 years through a period of uncertainty, taking confident decisions to act as a figurehead.
- An understanding of museums and their role and also of how small businesses operate.
- An inclusive leadership style: able to inspire and support everyone to participate on an equal footing to ensure effective management of employees, volunteers and trustees.
- Encourage trustee involvement/dialogue in relevant areas, lead on planning and ensure actions are followed up.
- The ability to listen and engage effectively and be comfortable with challenge and debate and are able to encourage that in others whilst fostering a collaborative board environment.
- Advocate - be able and willing to champion Court Barn's work through personal networks, social media and other channels.
- A strong personal commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Be responsive and able to support the management team on a regular basis, preferably in person.
- Share the same responsibilities and qualities of all trustees.

Overall Time Commitment: This is estimated at 1-2 days per month, attending 4-6 Board meetings annually. Meetings are currently held at Court Barn. There are also monthly scheduled meetings with the management team with flexibility to respond swiftly to the occasional ad hoc issue.



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Getting Involved

To express an interest in joining the Board of Trustees and to be considered for the role, please email admin@courtbarn.org.uk to arrange for an informal conversation.

We would then ask you to submit a CV and covering letter outlining what you could bring to the role and explaining how you meet the requirements outlined in the Person Specification. If this isn't the right role for you, we are still keen to hear from you as there may be other ways you can support the museum, as a trustee, volunteer or Friend of Court Barn.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Court Barn is committed to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion through all our practices, seeking to ensure that all paid and voluntary roles are appropriately advertised and actively encouraging applications from candidates from Global Majority backgrounds, those with disabilities and those from across the spectrum of sexual and gender identities. We are committed to appointing on merit and to removing barriers to both employment and volunteering.



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