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| **Thank you for your interest in standing as a candidate in the 2025 elections to the National Trust’s Council. We look forward to receiving your completed application no later than 12 noon on Monday, 31 March 2025.** |

**A valid application will consist of:**

* This form with all sections completed and not exceeding the maximum word count in each text field where directed.
* A signed affirmation on this form that you are eligible to stand and agree to the publicity rules
* A short CV of no more than two pages on A4 with readable text.

**To be submitted to** **governance@nationaltrust.org.uk** **no later than 12 noon on Monday 31 March 2025.**

You will be asked to complete an equal opportunity form when you have submitted a valid application.

Please contact us using governance@nationaltrust.org.uk to request any reasonable adjustments to support the application process.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ELECTION MATERIAL**

Your name, where you live, your election statement and answers to the two questions will be provided to members of the National Trust as part of the election material and will also be published on the National Trust website.

The information you provide will help inform members about who they wish to vote for.

Please complete all fields. Please note that the National Trust reserves the right not to publish factually incorrect or inflammatory candidate statements.

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| **Information to be published** |
| Your name:  |
| The town where you live:  |
| **Please provide an Election Statement and your answers to the two questions below. Totalling a maximum of 200 words across all these three sections. Exceeding the maximum will invalidate the application.*** **Election Statement**

This is an opportunity for you to describe why you are interested in joining Council and any supporting information you would like to highlight to members to support your candidacy. [Please see the criteria for members of the Council linked here.](https://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk/files/6117/4005/4397/Qualities__Experience_Information_for_NT_Jobs_Webpage16.pdf)* **Question 1**

2025 marks our 130th birthday. In each chapter of our history, we've adapted to the needs of the day. Now, it’s time for a vision that takes us into the future. [Our new strategy sets out our aims and ambitions for the next decade and beyond](https://docs.nationaltrust.org.uk/strategy-2025/p/1). What excites you most about this strategy and why?* **Question 2**

Volunteers make our work to look after nature and history for future generations possible.  Given the wide range of opportunities available, what specific skills, attributes, and experiences do you possess that would contribute to the Council’s work?**Guidance** – please use “National Trust” when first referring to the organisation and “Trust” thereafter. If using abbreviations, first write out the full name followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. |

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| **Please provide your Election Statement:** |

Enter response here

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| **Question 1: What excites you most about our this strategy and why?** |

Enter response here

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| **Question 2: What specific skills, attributes and experiences do you possess that would contribute to the Council’s work?** |

**Please check that your three responses entered above are no more than 200 words in total when combined.**

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| **The information you provide in the next section acts as supplementary information to help the Nominations Committee when considering applications and is not provided to members of the National Trust.** [**Please see the criteria for members of the Council linked here.**](https://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk/files/6117/4005/4397/Qualities__Experience_Information_for_NT_Jobs_Webpage16.pdf) **Please provide overleaf any additional information to support your applications in a maximum of 200 words in total.** |

Enter supplementary information here

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| **Where did you first hear about the opportunity to apply to become a Council member as part of this year’s election?** |
| [ ] Acorn[ ] Arts Council England[ ] Charity Job[ ] Bluesky[ ] Diversifying[ ] Facebook[ ] Instagram[ ] LinkedIn[ ] Museums Association[ ] MyVolunteering[ ] National Trust email[ ] National Trust Jobs website | [ ] National Trust Magazine[ ] National Trust volunteering newsletter[ ] National Trust website[ ] Personal recommendation[ ] Property staff or volunteers[ ] Volunteer Manager’s brief[ ] X (formerly Twitter)[ ] Women on Boards[ ] Young Trustees Movement[ ] YouTube[ ] Other (please state)…………………………… |
| **Were you planning to apply before you saw any advert?** | [ ] Yes | [ ] No |

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

Your privacy is important to us.  We will securely process your personal data in order to manage the council election process. Only the information explicitly marked for publication will be made accessible to our members through the election materials we provide, and on our website.  Please see our [Privacy Policy](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnationaltrust.org.uk%2Ffeatures%2Fprivacy-policy&data=05%7C02%7CSimon.Matthews3%40nationaltrust.org.uk%7C52ce4fed566e4ceb442708dd54ed09f0%7C0fba79b96423460d88eff9c3d4ca2e9f%7C0%7C0%7C638760099238748379%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=989h0L9zMzyWK1JX1b0cwR%2Bu07%2Fp5qEG8Ri4YHF2Xgc%3D&reserved=0) for more information on how we look after your personal information.

“We “and “us” means the National Trust, charity number 205846, and National Trust (Enterprises) Limited.

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| **YOUR CONTACT DETAILS** |
| Membership No  |  |
| Address  |  |
| Telephone |  |
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| **YOUR AFFIRMATION*** I agree to stand for election to the Council of the National Trust. I have read the information provided to me about the Council. I understand what being a member of the Council involves, and I am willing to devote the time commitment involved. If elected, I will notify the Chair of any potential conflict of interests which I may have in relation to any item being discussed.
* I confirm that the information given in my application is accurate and complete. I know of no reason why I would not be suitable to become a member of the Council of the National Trust, or which would disqualify me from acting as a Trustee of the National Trust if I were to be appointed to that role in the foreseeable future ([see Charity Commission note CC3a](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved#about-charity-trustees)).
* I am over 18.
* I have read the Code of Conduct which applies to all members of the Council and, if elected, I agree to be bound by its provisions.
* I have not been employed as a member of staff in the 23 months prior to the AGM in November 2025.
* I understand that I need to be a member of the National Trust, by no later than 31 March 2025, to be able to go forward for election.
* I understand that the National Trust reserves the right not to publish factually incorrect or inflammatory candidate statements.
* In the interests of fairness between candidates, and in compliance with the Trust’s [Governance Handbook Clause 2.13.2](https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/binaries/content/assets/website/national/pdf/governance-handbook.pdf), I understand that the sole source of publicising my candidacy will be to members via any printed or online election material issued by the National Trust. I confirm that I will not participate in any other methods of publicising my candidature through any other channels or collaborate with others to do so (including but not limited to: broadcast, print and online media, as well as social media).

Sign (or type) name: Dated:  |

**Election campaigning and material**

The National Trust will only publish the information you provide on your candidate information form relating to your name, where you live, your election statement and your answers to the two questions. The attendance record at Council meetings of current Council members standing for re-election will also be published. This information will be sent to members and published on the National Trust website. In fairness to all candidates these are the sole methods by which candidates should publicise their candidacy and candidates should not undertake any other form of election campaigning.

You can let family, friends and colleagues know that you are standing for election and when voting is taking place, but you should not seek to canvass their support by providing additional information, rather you should direct them to the information available on the National Trust website or AGM Booklet. You should also adopt this approach if you are contacted about your candidacy by external organisations or the media.

**Please submit your application and a copy of your CV (maximum 2 pages) to** **governance@nationaltrust.org.uk** **no later than 12 noon on Monday 31 March 2025.**

Please note the application process is competitive, in 2024 we received over 100 applications. We aim to acknowledge receipt of your application within 5 working days.