**MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

* To be fully aware and supportive of the Trust’s Objects and Articles of Association.
* To attend at least 4 out of the 5 Board meetings per year.
* To attend the AGM.
* To take part in formulating and regularly reviewing the strategic aims of the Trust, by:
  + considering the Trust and its beneficiaries as a whole;
  + reflecting the Trust’s vision, mission, strategic plan and major policies at all times.
* To ensure that the Trust complies with its governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations to achieve best practice.
* To ensure the Trust uses its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives.
* To safeguard the good name and values of the Trust.
* To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Trust.
* To ensure the financial stability of the Trust.
* To protect and manage the property of the charity and to ensure the proper investment of its funds.
* To give support to the Chief Executive and monitor their performance.

**Other duties**

In addition to the above statutory duties, each Trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the Board of Trustees reach sound decisions. This may involve:

* Scrutinising Board papers and leading discussions as appropriate;
* Focusing on key issues;
* Providing guidance on new initiatives;
* Promoting the Trust and its work whenever possible;
* Acting as ambassadors for the Trust;
* Participating in any training sessions provided for the benefit of the Trustees;
* Other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.

**Trustee person specification**

Trustees of Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, serve for a three year term, with the possibility of their re-election for one further term (six years maximum).

* Commitment to the organisation.
* Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
* Strategic vision.
* Good, independent judgement.
* Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of trusteeship.
* Ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
* Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

**The Trustee’s role is voluntary and unremunerated; however expenses (agreed in advance) are paid for travel to and from Scilly if you live on the mainland, and between St Mary’s and the off-islands if you are resident in Scilly.**