

Marlborough Downs Nature Enhancement Partnership

Associate Membership Application – Become a Friend of the Marlborough Downs

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Marlborough Downs NEP. Please complete the details below and sign the declaration. Return the form to **MDNEP, Jindabyne, Great Hinton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 6BT**.

We require funds to operate the charity and meet our charitable aims so we would appreciate it if you can enclose a donation to help support this work. For example, a donation of £42.50 will buy 100 kg of winter bird food or enough wildflower seed to cover half an acre of chalk grassland.

Associate members (Friends of the Marlborough Downs) cannot vote but they can put themselves forward as board members as full (farmer) members can, and take part in most other events that full members participate in. Membership will be approved at the board meeting following receipt of forms and then will be recorded in a publicly available record.

Name	
If you are applying as a representative of a business or other organisation, please give details	
Address for all correspondence (including post code)	
E-mail address	
Telephone	
Alternative / mobile telephone	

I have read the main aims of the NEP and confirm that the above farm / organisation:

1. Supports the vision and aims of the Marlborough Downs NEP (See A below)
2. I accept the usage terms of the information I provide (See C below)

Signed		Date	
Name		Position	

NOTES

A. Vision and aims of Marlborough Downs NEP

A vision for the Downs

We believe we live in a very special area and see this project as an opportunity to take action at a landscape scale to make it even an even better place for wildlife, local communities and visitors. We will focus on two strategic aims:

Aim 1: To improve the condition and connectivity of the ecological network of the Marlborough Downs

Aim 2: To connect people to the landscape of the Marlborough Downs

B. Except from Marlborough Downs Articles of Association:

The liability of the members is limited to a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up while he, she or it is a member or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a member, for:

- (1) Payment of the charity's debts and liabilities incurred before he, she or it ceases to be a member;
- (2) Payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- (3) Adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

C. The information collected on this form may be stored and used to support the administration of the company, including informing members of events and meetings, and for the circulation of information such as project updates and newsletters. The names and addresses of full members are held in a publically available register, otherwise your personal information will not be made available to a third party without your agreement, unless there is an overriding statutory requirement.

Expression of interest for NEP members (both full and associate members)

Name:

I would be interested in finding out more about becoming involved in (please tick all that apply):

Practical conservation/access tasks (eg scrub bashing, ragwort pulling, tree planting, footpath clearing, etc.)

- On a specific site/farm (please specify)
- As a volunteer
- Supervising volunteers

Additional comments/suggestions:

Survey work (with training if required)

- Botanical surveys
- Butterfly surveys
- Farmland bird surveys
- Other species surveys (please specify):
- Monitoring usage of NEP waymarked trails

Additional comments/suggestions:

NEP events

- Giving talks to local interest groups
- Hosting a workshop/farm walk
- Helping to organise the annual NEP celebration event
- Leading educational activities
- Supporting educational activities (with teacher/other leading)

Additional comments/suggestions:

Promotion and communications

- Fund-raising
- Helping to prepare promotional materials
(leaflets, articles, etc.)

Additional comments/suggestions:

Delivery Groups

We have two volunteer groups to help us “deliver” and coordinate the project on the ground. These are made up of three to ten people. Members of a group might be farmers, local residents, consultants, staff from partner organisations or from other groups/agencies active in the area. Each group meets at least once per quarter and works closely with the Project Management team.

Delivery groups are pro-active and have several roles relevant to their theme such as:

- *achieving the project targets;*
- *working with other relevant projects in the area;*
- *helping to find and support volunteers;*
- *identifying and securing addition funding;*
- *promoting the project and communicating its successes.*

There are two delivery groups, please tick if you might be interested to join:

Habitats and Heritage Group

Restoring, managing, creating and linking wildlife habitat

Forging links with local parishes, businesses, schools, colleges and community groups

Protecting and promoting the local landscape and historic environment

Improving water quality

Downland Species Group

Promoting understanding and provision of resources to support downland species

Creation of corridors and stepping stones of breeding and foraging habitat

In addition, I have the following skills/connections that might be useful to the NEP Project:

Please use this space to tell us about anything else you think you might be able to do to support the project, for example expertise in IT, design, marketing, law, finance, etc. or about any other groups you're involved with that might wish to work with the NEP project.