

Marlborough Downs Nature Enhancement Partnership

Application for Full Membership

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.**

There are two types of membership. Full membership (this form) is available to all farmers / land managers that have a holding on or adjacent to the Marlborough Downs. All other farms or individuals / groups interested in the NEP can join as associate members (see website – www.spacefornature.net/friends - for more details). Membership will be approved at the board meeting following receipt of forms and then will be recorded in a publicly available record.

Farm / Organisation (Name)	
Details for organisations other than Farms	
Holding number (full members only)	
Nominated representative (name and position)	
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. Will pay a sum not exceeding £10 to meet the liabilities of the Marlborough Downs NEP if the charity is wound up in the future (full members only-see B excerpt from Memorandum of Association below)
3. 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. Excerpt 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:

- Biodiversity and Landscape Group Restoring, managing, creating and linking wildlife habitat
- Promoting understanding of and provision of resources to support downland species
- Creation of corridors and stepping stones of breeding and foraging habitat
- Protecting and promoting the local landscape and historic environment
- Improving water quality
- Community Outreach Group Developing links with local parishes, businesses, schools, colleges and community groups
- Delivering a programme of events and activities to engage with people from outside the farmer group
- Promoting the group’s work

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.