



## **OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND VALE CITIZENS ADVICE – NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED**

**Role:** Trustees

**Organisation:** Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice

**Location:** Head Office, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board. As well as those with broad experience, we would particularly welcome applicants with skills in governance or with a legal background. We encourage applications from people of any age, background or identity and are committed to equality and diversity.

We are a local charity providing free, confidential and independent advice to help people in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse resolve their problems. The main issues people bring us concern benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, four in five people are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward. We also use evidence to influence policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Our 118 volunteers and our 23 (mainly part-time) staff, advise over 9,000 people each year from four main advice centres. At present our advice centres are partially open and many of our staff and volunteers operate our Adviceline service from home.

We are members of National Citizens Advice, which means we have access to its services, resources and support and it sets and audits our advice standards. However, as an independent charity, we are responsible for running our own affairs and much of our funding comes from District, Town and Parish Councils and local charities.

Trustees are asked to attend six Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations. Each Trustee is encouraged to take an interest in a particular aspect of the charity's work.

### **What's in it for you?**

- make a positive impact for people in your local area by ensuring the local Citizens Advice is sustainable and serves the needs of the community
- meet people and build relationships with trustees, staff and other volunteers
- build on your governance, leadership and strategy skills
- increase your employability
- and we'll reimburse expenses too.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jane Richardson, the Chair, via [jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk) or email [recruitment@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@osavcab.org.uk) for an application form.