

Help us to spread faith, hope and love in East Devon by joining our board of trustees!

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community and helping to spread the gospel? Do you have a heart for service and a desire to contribute your skills to a meaningful cause? Mustard Seed Christian Ministries, a vibrant Christian charity (Charity No. 1048903) based in the heart of Sidmouth, is on the lookout for dedicated individuals to join our team of trustees.

Who We Are: Our mission is to serve the community; providing a haven for spiritual growth, community connection, and social support. Overseeing the charity is our board of six trustees, two of whom are due to retire in the coming months.

We run a Christian bookshop offering a diverse range of cards, gifts, and books to residents and visitors alike. In addition, we operate a Social Enterprise café that has become a vital social lifeline for many locals, especially our older community members as well as many of our volunteers, several of whom have learning difficulties. Our loyal customers are fierce supporters of the Mustard Seed and helped to vote us in as the Sidmouth Herald's most recent Café of the Year! We proudly support Gateway, a charity addressing homelessness, by providing a space for them to meet with their clients and provide them with a hot meal. We seek to represent the whole church across Sidmouth, rather than any one denomination which is reflected in the diversity of those that serve with us. We are also supported by donations from individuals, churches and other groups in support of our mission.

Why Become a Trustee: As a trustee, you'll play a crucial role in steering Mustard Seed Christian Ministries towards continued success and positive community impact. We are now seeking individuals with skills, experience, and/or interests in the following areas:

- Finance
- Bookkeeping
- Administration
- Fundraising
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Events management
- Christian outreach
- Care in Communities
- Community Development
- Retail and/or book selling
- Business management
- Human Resources
- Church Networking
- Law
- Purchasing/procurement

How You Can Make a Difference: By joining as a trustee, you will actively contribute to the growth and sustainability of our charitable initiatives. Your expertise will help enhance our financial stewardship, streamline operations, and expand our reach within the community. In particular, we are seeking individuals interested in the positions of Treasurer (ably supported by our small but dedicated finance committee), or Secretary, although welcome applications from others with different skills to offer.

Commitment: We meet as a board every six to eight weeks which forms the basic commitment although the time involvement may be greater depending on how much you are willing to give.

How to Apply: If you are inspired by our mission and feel called to contribute your skills, please get in touch with our Chair of trustees, Ruth Ray, on chairperson@mustard-seed.org.uk detailing your interests and how you feel able to get involved. We welcome candidates from all backgrounds and walks of life who are in support of our vision and ethos.