



Mansfield Pride in Place Programme

Recruitment of a Mansfield Neighbourhood Board Chair

Mansfield District Council and Steve Yemm MP are looking to recruit an independent Chair to lead the Pride in Place programme for Mansfield.

This new Government Pride in Place programme gives Mansfield communities control of £20 million over a 10 year period, to be spent on projects that will make a real difference to the neighbourhoods in which they live.

Further details of the programme can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pride-in-place-programme-prospectus/pride-in-place-programme-prospectus>

In summary, the programme represents a partnership between a newly created Neighbourhood Board, local government and the local MP, with the backing and support of central government. Front and central to this relationship is the active participation of local communities and local people through the Board, with the initial task being to recruit its Chair.

The Pride in Place programme is aimed at regenerating the neighbourhoods most in need across the Mansfield urban area, supported by long-term funding, helping communities identify the most pressing issues to be addressed, offering them the leadership in shaping their place, and prioritising projects based on extensive community engagement with the aim of:

- building stronger communities
- creating thriving places
- enabling people to take back control

The Core Responsibilities of the Chair

The Chair will be independent, passionate about Mansfield, respected and community minded, and will be appointed through a recruitment process led by the Mansfield MP and Mansfield DC. They will:

- act as a **champion for the place and local people**
- be a **figurehead for engagement** that reaches out into the community
- ensure **decision-making is community-led**
- lead the process of **recruiting and convening the Neighbourhood Board**, with the support of the local authority and the local MP



Specific Duties of the Chair

The Chair will:

- Act as the public and community face of the Board and the programme.
- Co-lead on the creation and composition of the new Neighbourhood Board and how it will meet its responsibilities for establishing the programme as set out by the Government.
- With the support of the MP and Council, engage with the Mansfield communities, and lead the Board on setting out and developing its vision, priorities and local impact.
- Help develop the Board's focus on the most disadvantaged localities within the wider Mansfield Pride in Place area.
- Work with the Neighbourhood Board, MP and Mansfield DC in developing the next steps with the Pride in Place Regeneration Plan, helping set investment priorities and projects with the support of the Council, notably given the Council's immediate responsibilities as the accountable body for the Pride in Place programme.
- Support the strategic development of the programme with the MP and Mansfield DC, respecting the day-to-day support of the programme led by Mansfield DC officers
- Ensure the Board's decisions are taken transparently in line with the established due process and with the support of the local communities across the Mansfield area to ensure the effective delivery of projects.
- Support Mansfield DC's programme management responsibilities.
- Develop, support and challenge wider partnership relationships to ensure synergy with and maximise the impact of the Pride in Place programme.

Qualities Expected of the Chair

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate:

- A deep understanding of and connection with Mansfield's communities and a commitment to making Mansfield a better place.
- Support and respect for the staff deployed to support the programme's development and management.
- An ability to bring together different voices from across Mansfield communities, helping shape a collective and agreed way forward.
- Established credibility and respected leadership skills – or an ability to develop them.
- An open, collaborative, inclusive, engaging, fair, balanced and supportive approach to Board, partnership and community meetings and discussions.
- An ability to find consensus, navigate conflict and act impartially.
- A clear ability to bring together community groups, prioritise community engagement and ultimately develop Board members into their role.
- A willingness to learn, listen and develop into the role as the programme develops.
- Lateral, facilitated and creative thinking.



- A commitment to the role.

Wider Expectations

Circumstances: The Chair must be taken by someone who (preferably) lives within the Mansfield area, or lives or works within the Mansfield area. The work will need to be undertaken flexibility around existing commitments.

Base: The Chair will generally operate from home with facilities available at Mansfield DC's offices. Meetings will be held at the Council offices and / or the MP's offices. Meetings of the Board will be held the Council Offices and / or within the local community where appropriate.

Remuneration: This is an unpaid voluntary role, with reasonable expenses being reimbursed.

Commitment: Part-time, flexible hours, with some evening meetings. Officers from Mansfield DC will support to the role. The Chair will be required to attend a number of pre- and actual Board meetings a year plus occasional development and community engagement sessions. Liaison will be maintained with Mansfield DC regarding programme management and project development processes. In the early stages of the programme the Chair will also need to commit time to liaise with the MP and Mansfield DC to support the establishment of the Board and development of the Pride in Place programme.

Period of Office: The Chair will be appointed for an initial 4 year period with an option to review after the first twelve months.

Code of Conduct: Alongside the wider Board members when appointed, the Chair will be required to sign-up to a Code of Conduct and to declare any interests, based on the Seven Principles of Public Life (the Nolan Principles) and recuse themselves from decisions that may relate.

How To Apply

If you think that this role might be of interest, please send a **full CV** (with two references) alongside a **three-side (maximum) A4 submission** which:

- explains how you feel you can meet the expectations of the role
- outlines your experience relevant to the role
- sets out how you meet the core qualities of the role

Applications must be received by **midnight on the 31 July 2026** being sent by email only to regeneration@mansfield.gov.uk



Shortlisted applicants will be expected to attend an interview, with a (to be confirmed) date of the **28 August 2026**.

If you would like an informal discussion about the role prior to applying, please make an appointment for a conversation by contacting either:

The office of Steve Yemm MP at steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk

Geoff George, Regeneration Manager at Mansfield DC – regeneration@mansfield.gov.uk