

Board Members – Pride in Place Scheme (Ribbleson, Preston)

Location: Ribbleson, Preston

Commitment: Voluntary role

About Pride in Place – Ribbleson

This £20 million, 10-year funding is to support the residents in Ribbleson to make changes in their own area. Neighbourhood Boards, made up of local people, will decide how to invest this funding, supported by their MP and Preston City Council. The Pride in Place Programme is designed to be:

- community-led
- flexible
- long-term
- supportive

Pride in Place is focused on improving the look, feel and reputation of Ribbleson. Working with residents, local organisations, businesses and partners, the scheme supports projects that build pride, strengthen community connections and make Ribbleson a better place to live, work and visit.

Programme objectives

The Pride in Place Programme is, at its core, a partnership between the Neighbourhood Board, Preston City Council and the Preston MP, with the backing and support of central-government. To deliver the greatest impact, we encourage Boards to focus the funding and interventions on those communities within their boundaries that have the greatest need.

The Board, working with the Preston MP and Preston City Council are responsible for producing a 10-year Pride in Place Plan for Ribbleson, setting out the activity that will be pursued to achieve the 3 strategic objectives of this programme.

The three overarching aims of this programme are:

- stronger communities
- thriving places
- taking back control

The Role

We are seeking active Board Members to join the Chair in undertaking the Pride in Place Scheme in Ribbleson.

We expect that Board Members will be people who are ‘from’, living or working in Ribbleson, hold a prominent role in the community or have a passion for the place. Board Members should act as a champions for Ribbleson who help organise engagement that reaches out into the community, to ensure that decision-making is community-led.

The Chair, Preston’s MP and Preston City Council must approve the final Board selection.

Key Responsibilities

- Work with partners, stakeholders and residents to progress agreed priorities
- Help guide project development, delivery and evaluation and ensure that it is in line with the guidance issued by MHCLG
- Encourage strong evidence-based community involvement and partnership working
- Act as an ambassador for the scheme within Ribbleson and the wider Preston area

About You

We are looking for someone who:

- Is passionate about Ribbleton and community development
- Can work collaboratively with a wide range of people and organisations
- Has good communication and organisational skills
- Has the ability to contribute constructively to discussions, ask questions and offer respectful challenge.
- Has integrity, fairness and a commitment to acting in the public interest.
- Has the ability to attend approximately quarterly meetings and engage between meetings where appropriate.

Desirable experience and insight

Collectively across the Board, experience or insight in the following areas is welcomed but is not necessary:

- Community groups, volunteering or grassroots activity
- Young people, education, employment or skills
- Health, wellbeing or social care
- Local business, social enterprise or the local economy
- Housing, neighbourhood issues or regeneration
- Arts, culture, heritage or sport
- Finance, governance, legal or risk management
- Equalities, inclusion or advocacy for under-represented groups

Additional information

Previous board experience is not required. Lived experience of local challenges is valued. This profile should support balanced decision-making and diversity across the Board, rather than acting as a checklist.

How to Apply

To express your interest, please submit a CV and brief statement outlining:

- Why you are interested in the role
- What skills or experience you would bring
- Your links to Ribbleton, Preston
- Two referees

Send applications to: chair@ribbletonpip.org