

Challenge: Chairperson for the Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives

FONA is looking to recruit a new Chairperson to take over from the current Chair who is retiring in April 2025. Could this be YOU?

Who We Are:

The Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives (FONA) is a voluntary organisation that supports the work of Nottinghamshire Archives in preserving and making 800+ years of local history publicly accessible. It also arranges a programme of talks and events for its members, publishes its own Magazine three times a year, and has a presence on Social Media. From time to time, it organises special events and in the last four years has published two books. Membership is relatively small but growing steadily (currently about 70 members).

What's the Role:

As Chairperson you will be supported by an active and enthusiastic Committee and will work with its members, either as a group or individually, to ensure that FONA continues to grow its membership and meet its objectives.

As the work of Nottinghamshire Archives evolves to meet the needs of the 21st century, you will encourage a flexible and open approach to what FONA does, that embraces the needs of both new and traditional interests.

Together with Committee members and other Friends, you will also represent FONA at events and develop working relationships with other local history and heritage groups.

Time Commitment:

- The Committee meetings three times a year, usually at Nottinghamshire Archives plus the Annual General Meeting (end March/early April).
- Five or six FONA talks or events during the year (attend and chair as many of these as possible).
- A few hours a month as needed to work with committee members and others to manage the Friends activities.
- Three or four times a year, representing FONA at local heritage events, depending on FONA's own plans for the year.

Ideal Skills and Experience:

- An enthusiastic interest in the history and heritage of Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.
- Experience of Committee work, ideally in an official role such as Secretary or Treasurer or similar. This does not have to be in a history or heritage organisation, though this would be helpful.
- Willingness to explore new ways to grow FONA's membership and support the work of Nottinghamshire Archives as it adopts and adapts to new ways of working.
- Good communicator.
- Good Leadership Skills.

Further information:

For more information about this role, please contact the current Chair on chair@FONA.org.uk or have a look at our website <https://fona.org.uk/>

