

Trustees and Zoo Insights Panel 2024

Thank you for your interest in joining our Zoo Insights Panel or in becoming a Trustee.

As the Trustees of this new charity, we have very recently taken over responsibility for the zoo from the Bush family who founded it in 1999 and who have grown it to become the wonderful animal sanctuary and showcase that it is today. In a time in which the natural world seems constantly under pressure from relentless human activity, we have created this charity to ensure that the zoo champions conservation and education and promotes wellbeing and inclusivity. It is an exciting moment for us all as we develop our strategy and build on the fantastic foundation that we have been given.

In this pack, you will find some of the positive feedback we've had from the more than 215,000 visitors who came to the zoo this year, information about our aims and values and organisation, and about the role of the Zoo Insights Panel and the Trustees on our Board.

We are conscious of the responsibility we have for the many rare, vulnerable, and endangered species in our care, we value our membership of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) with whom we share so much and are particularly proud of our work with local schools and of the recognition we get for our Ark for All programme.

We have some remarkable facilities too: Elephant Eden with its wonderful willow field, is the largest elephant facility in Europe and recognized as one of the leading programmes. Our Great British Wildlife maze, at 3.4 kilometers (2.1 miles) is the longest and wildest hedge maze in the UK. And, last June, Visit England voted us the best visitor attraction in the country for accessibility and inclusivity.

We have so much to offer, and we are now looking to recruit two more Trustees who can bring additional skills and experience to our Board, and a Zoo Insights Panel to give us their ideas, feedback, opinions, and recommendations, and who can share our vision and enthusiasm for this zoo.

If you would like to explore joining us as a Trustee or on our Insights Panel and want to know more, come, and visit us and see what a welcoming and inspiring place our zoo is and please feel free to contact us. You can email our HR Co-ordinator kayla.seagrave@noahsarkzooofarm.co.uk who can answer questions and provide further information. Kayla can also arrange a conversation with our Zoo Director, Larry Bush, if you would like to find out more or discuss any details with him.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Milner

Chair of the Trustees

