

A willingness to support and participate in fundraising.

Ability and willingness to contribute the necessary time to support the work of the Library .

The Governors have collective responsibility for oversight and development of the Trust in line with OSCR guidelines. They agree the organisation's strategy, its governance and work with its staff and volunteers in the effective management of the Library, and delivery of agreed projects on time and within budget. Induction will be provided following appointment.

The Library and its Board are governed by the Innerpeffray Mortification Scheme 2020. A copy can be seen [here](#) .



### Time Commitment

The Board of Governors meets a minimum of four times each year, with additional meetings as required. These meetings will be either at the Library or using videoconferencing technology. In addition, Governors will be a member of at

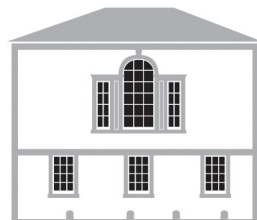
least one Committee which also meet regularly. Governors also are encouraged to take an active role in the planning and delivery of events and activities organised by the Library. This includes activities such as selling tickets, setting up the venue, attending events and looking after guests. Governors are expected to act as advocates and ambassadors for the Library.

Trustees are not remunerated and your contribution will be on a voluntary/pro bono basis.

### Applications

If you are interested in becoming a Governor of Innerpeffray Library, please write with a summary of your skills and experience, and describe your interest. Please send this by email to the Chair, [info@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](mailto:info@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)

**We look forward to hearing from you.**



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# Becoming a Trustee of The Library of Innerpeffray



## Introduction

The Library of Innerpeffray is a very special place. It was founded 340 years ago as Scotland's first free public lending library: a radical idea at the time, but one that went on to revolutionise the accessibility of information and knowledge for everyone.

Today the Library is a historic library, museum, and a tourist attraction, still open to all. Visiting this beautiful place in rural Perthshire is a journey of discovery, it is a place to relax and absorb history and tranquillity.



## What we do

In addition to offering tours and visits we organise a range of events and activities about the Library as well as local and national history.

Innerpeffray Library is an award-winning heritage visitor experience.

The Victorian Schoolroom has recently been upgraded with facilities to support Library organised events, as well as private and social events. A stunning Heritage Walk, beside the River Earn telling the story of the Library in its landscape has been completed, and the surrounding area is now being landscaped. The Library supports research and students on placement and has links with various Universities, in particular the University of Stirling.



Outdoor theatre from The Three Inch Pools in 2019

The Library is looking to expand its role as a unique tourist attraction and widen access to its historic collections whilst strengthening its financial position, especially in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic which has had a major impact on visitor figures as well as income.

Further details of our work and more about the library and our organisation can be found at [www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](http://www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)

## Governance, management and operation

The Library of Innerpeffray is a Scottish Charity SC013843. It is overseen by a Board of Governors (Trustees) who are responsible for its care and management. It has one member of staff, the Library Manager and Keeper of Books - who is responsible for managing the Library and leading a team of dynamic and proactive Volunteers on whom the Library depends for its operation.



Volunteer Bill Gray leading a tour.

## Income

Funding is largely from self-generated income, grants and fund raising events, and the annual budget is in the region of £60,000pa. In recent years the Library has raised significant grants for some major projects. The work of the Library is also supported by the Friends of Innerpeffray Library (FOIL) a separate charity.

## Governors

The Library is seeking to recruit additional Governors to join this small and dynamic charity to be trustees and help continue to enhance the Library's work.

In particular we are looking to strengthen these skills on the Board:

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| Education and Learning       | Digital technologies,               |
| Legal matters                | Historic buildings and horticulture |
| Fundraising and Philanthropy | Finance and accounting              |

## Governor Role Description

- To undertake the role and responsibilities of a charity trustee and support the Chair in ensuring that the Mortification meets its legal and financial obligations.
- To contribute relevant expertise and experience to the work of the Library.
- To represent the interests of the Library and liaise with external bodies including the Council, OSCR, FOIL, Historic Environment Scotland etc.
- To support and contribute to the development, implementation and monitoring of strategic and operational plans and to lead on specific aspects of the work of the Mortification and the Library and its activities as required.
- To participate in the meetings of the Governors.

## Governor Person Specification

- An interest in and commitment to support Innerpeffray Library, its work and activities.
- An awareness of and ability to undertake the responsibilities of a trustee of a registered charity.
- Experience and/or understanding of the issues facing library and/or heritage and/or cultural tourism organisations.