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Would you consider being a Trustee for a well-established charity?

We would like to recruit more Trustees to help us continue to grow. This will ensure we are always ready to meet the perpetual need to provide care for some of the most vulnerable people in our local community.

The members of the board get older every year and we need some fresh, new blood! We are looking for energetic people with business or care experience, who can contribute to the management and governance of Stockdales for the next 60 years.

Like most charities these days, especially local ones, we find it hard to attract people into making yet another commitment in their increasingly busy lives. Often, they feel the time involved will be impossible to find whilst already juggling demanding family and work obligations. Usually, they are worried that the demands of Trusteeship are too onerous. Sometimes they are just too nervous to 'give it a try'.

The work has no financial benefit, but I find great satisfaction in making a positive contribution to the lives of lots of people who are unable to do many of the things we take for granted. I enjoy enormously the warmth and friendship of everyone involved, service users, staff, volunteers and trustees. It remains a wonderful experience, which I would not have missed for the world.

Of course, that's easy for me to say. I came to Trusteeship at Stockdales because my son, Hew, lived here and so I had something of a vested interest. However, my fellow Trustees with no such interest give their time and wisdom selflessly. What binds us all, I think, is the huge feeling of satisfaction that we are able to use our experience to support the staff and the hundreds of people who have trusted us to help them achieve their ambitions and full potential.

As to the burdensome seeming responsibilities of Trusteeship, personally I do not think anyone should worry unduly. Law demands only reasonableness of us all. We cannot get everything right, but we can give reasonable and proper consideration to the risks if things go wrong. Provided we can always demonstrate that we have assessed the risks of our actions reasonably, then we will not be, nor will we be seen to be, negligent, careless or at risk in law. Stockdales has very sophisticated, tried and tested systems to ensure we are not at risk regarding our fiduciary duties as Trustees.

Will you consider joining us? If so, please give me a call, email me at peterwall1@compuserve.com or write to me at 34, Harboro Road, Sale, M33 5AH. I would be happy to discuss what we do, or we can arrange to meet and, of course, I would be delighted to show you around.

Peter VG Wall.

Chairman of the Trustees