

# trustee top 10

with Ray Kemp

Who are you a trustee for?

Peedie Kirk United Reformed Church,  
1st Kirkwall Company Boy's Brigade  
and The Orkney Foodbank



What do your organisations do?

The *Peedie Kirk* provides a place of worship and practical action for the local community. *Boy's Brigade* is a uniformed Christian youth organisation providing opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment. *The Orkney Foodbank* is run by volunteers providing help for local people in time of need and emergency food in crisis

What do you do?

As a trustee by law, we are required under the auspices of OSCR Office Scottish Charity Register to oversee that the charity carries out its function in accordance with its constitution on a regular basis

Why are you a trustee?

Being involved with the charities over a period of time as a church treasurer and volunteer with the Boy's Brigade and the Orkney Foodbank and having some knowledge of each organisation I was willing when put forward to become a trustee

What skills do trustees need?

It is beneficial that you have some knowledge and even experience of working within a charity with which you can relate

What's the best thing about being a trustee?

To ensure that your charity functions accordingly in its objectives and where you can provide support as needed

What's the worst thing?

Being a trustee brings with it responsibility and accountability. But if you carry out your duties accordingly it will be fine. And ultimately there will be a board of trustees as well not only you

Is being a trustee what you imagined? Any surprises?

Having been involved with committees beforehand I have had some experience of what would be involved. But you do get training on what being a trustee entails which is very helpful and essential to give you the confidence to carry out your role as a trustee

What advice would you give someone thinking of becoming a trustee?

Have an understanding of the organisation you want to represent and an existing association with it. With that knowledge there is no reason to prevent you from becoming a trustee

How can we find out more about your organisations?

Here are some links to the organisation websites - do like and follow us on Facebook

[www.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk)

[www.orkney.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.orkney.foodbank.org.uk)

[www.peediekirk.com](http://www.peediekirk.com)



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