Regional Pub Protection Advisor Opportunity

Regional Pub Protection Advisors are sought to support and coordinate branch campaigning on protecting pubs in their areas from closure or undesirable development.

Role description

The core purpose of the role is to provide advice and guidance on using the planning system to protect pubs. The role also provides a link between branch Pub Protection Officers/ Pubs Officers across a region and the Planning Advisory Group at a national level. Regional Pub Protection Advisors will:

- Ensure that requests for assistance about pub protection using the planning system are answered in an accurate and timely manner.
- Ensure that campaigners are provided with the relevant information from the CAMRA website and elsewhere.
- Seek assistance from the National Planning Advisor on any issues that are especially complex or have implications beyond the region.
- Encourage branches to lobby the Local Authorities in their area to adopt/strengthen planning policies that afford protection to pubs.
- Keep the Regional Director and Planning Advisory Group informed of any emerging pub protection issues and trends within any branch or within the region.
- Identify best practice amongst branches on planning matters and help to share it.
- Act as a channel for information about pub protection campaigning, both from branches to the National Planning Advisor, and vice versa.

Where a branch does not have a Pub Protection Officer or Pubs Officer in post, the Regional Pub Protection Advisor will temporarily carry out the pub protection and planning advice aspects of this role. They will also act as a safety net for cases where grassroots campaigners may not have received a timely response from their local branch.

Skills and experience

Working knowledge of the planning system is essential. Professional experience in this area would likely be helpful but is not required. Some knowledge of CAMRA and its campaigning goals around pubs and social clubs is also desirable.

This volunteering opportunity would suit someone who is organised, with excellent communications skills, and enjoys working collaboratively with others.

Time commitment

This role can take up as much time as you are prepared to give. Around 4 hours a month is probably typical, except where Regional Pub Protection Advisors are also carrying out a branch role on an interim basis where a little more time may be required.

Requirements

Attendance at Regional Meetings would be helpful but is not mandatory.

You would need an internet connection and a computer, or other device with a webcam and microphone, where meetings held on Microsoft Teams. Some travel would be involved for inperson meetings, for which reimbursement would be available in line with CAMRA's Volunteers Expenses Policy.

Contact

If you are interested in this volunteering opportunity, please provide a summary of your relevant background and experience to campaigns@camra.org.uk

