

COLNE VALLEY PARK COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY



Membership Application Form

The Colne Valley Community Interest Company (CIC) has been created to succeed the Colne Valley Partnership and will possess as wide a membership as possible for mutual benefit, extending to:

- Local authorities (all tiers)
- Statutory agencies
- Private sector businesses and landowners
- Third sector (charities and social enterprises)
- User and community groups/representative forums
- 'Friends' of the Colne Valley Park

Membership benefits

The principal benefit of joining the CIC as a member is to have a voice in determining how the company prioritises its activities in the Colne Valley. Organisations are entitled to:

- Participation in the Annual Colne Valley Park Forum, and notification of other Park events.
- Quarterly e-newsletter and bulletins on key issues facing the Colne Valley Park
- Opportunities to contribute to the work of its Advisory Group and/or other Task Groups.
- Association with the principal body promoting the Colne Valley Park, and opportunity to be linked to the Colne Valley Park website.
- And for the private sector, opportunities through which Corporate Social Responsibility goals can be achieved.

Membership obligations and costs

The principle obligations as a Member are to subscribe and help further the objectives of the Company, which are:

1: To maintain and enhance the landscape, historic environment and waterscape of the Park in terms of their scenic and conservation value and their overall amenity.

2: To safeguard the countryside of the Park from inappropriate development. Where development is permissible it will encourage the highest possible standards of design.

3: To conserve and enhance biodiversity within the Park through the protection and management of its species, habitats and geological features.

4: To provide opportunities for countryside recreation and ensure that facilities are accessible to all.

5: To achieve a vibrant and sustainable rural economy, including farming and forestry, underpinning the value of the countryside.

6: To encourage community participation including volunteering and environmental education. To promote the health and social well-being benefits that access to high quality green space brings.

The CVP CIC aims to have as wide an active membership as possible, reflecting the breadth and diversity of communities and interests within the Park. Membership is therefore FREE, although voluntary contributions and/or gifts in kind are always welcome. The following exceptions are:

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- **Local Authorities** who wish to nominate a Director to the CIC Board are obliged to make a financial contribution
- **Private sector** members are encouraged to contribute through the separate Corporate Membership scheme (leaflet available).
- **Individuals** can support the work of the Colne Valley CIC through joining the 'Friends' via the Colne Valley website; www.colnevalleypark.org.uk.

Additionally, every member organisation undertakes to contribute £1 to the assets of the company in the event of the company being wound up while it is a member or within one year after it ceases to be a member.

1. Organisation:	
2. Name of lead contact:	
3. Contact details:	
Phone	Email:
Address:	
4. Declaration. We support the objectives of the Company and are happy for our logo to be displayed on the Colne Valley Park website and relevant promotional materials alongside those of other supporting organisations, signed:	
Name	Date
On behalf of (name of organisation) ...	

Please return this form along with a copy of your organisations logo to:

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