



Exeter
Cathedral



Fabric Advisory Committee Member *Application Pack*



Expressions of Interest

The Fabric Advisory Committee (FAC) of Exeter Cathedral is seeking new members to advise the Cathedral's Chapter on the care, conservation, repair and development of the building, its setting and the significant objects it holds.

The FAC has a statutory responsibility under the **Care of the Cathedrals Measure** for approving all works, developments, repairs, and loans which Chapter wishes to carry out. Learn more about FACs and view/download more detailed information about the **Care of Cathedrals Measure and the role of FACs**.

We wish to recruit suitable candidates to join the FAC for a five-year term, beginning in April 2026. We welcome applications from all walks of life and are keen to hear from a diverse range of applicants.

Exeter Cathedral's FAC is seeking to recruit new members with skills in the following areas:

- Timber Conservation
- Net Zero Carbon
- Landscaping
- Structural engineering
- Stonemasonry
- Environmental conservation and management
- Visitor and heritage engagement
- Museums and collections management



The Fabric Advisory Committee

The purpose, functions, and responsibilities of the Fabric Advisory Committee (the "Committee") are defined by the Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011. The Committee is responsible to the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England (CFCE) for the care, conservation, and development of the Cathedral and forms part of the planning for the Grade 1 listed building and its immediate precinct. It considers and determines any application made to it in accordance with the provisions of the Measure by the Chapter of the cathedral except those reserved to the Commission.



The Committee is responsible for:

1. Giving advice to the Chapter on the care, conservation, repair and development of the Cathedral, any buildings or archaeological remains within its precinct, the landscape and environment in which the cathedral is situated, and any objects of interest owned by the Chapter or in its custody or possession.
2. Considering and determining applications for approval of specific works within the Cathedral, as defined by the Care of Cathedrals Measure.
3. Compiling and maintaining an accurate inventory of the cathedral's items of historical, archaeological architectural, or artistic significance.

Role Purpose

As a member of the Fabric Advisory Committee, appointees will, as appropriate, provide determination on applications and advise the cathedral Chapter (the governing body of a cathedral) in line with the statutory responsibility of the Committee under the Care of Cathedrals.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To play an active role as a member of a cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee by reviewing papers, attending arranged meetings and site visits.
- To work within the Care of Cathedrals Measure in providing determination on applications made to the FAC, balancing heritage significance with public benefits and the missional role of the Cathedral.
- To offer expert advice via the Committee to Chapter, based on professional experience, practice and standing.
- To offer pragmatic support and guidance to lay staff as they find sustainable solutions to complex fabric and collections related issues.
- To enable Chapter's retained advisors, the Cathedral Architect and Cathedral Archaeologist, to find solutions as they develop methodologies and conduct research studies.

These roles are voluntary but reasonable expenses will be paid. The commitment typically involves four meetings a year, plus time to read and respond to application documents and advice requests.

Useful links

- **The Care of Cathedral Measure**
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/cathedral-fabric-commission/cathedral-fabric-advisory-committees>
- **The Cathedral's Strategic Plan**
<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/about-us/strategic-plan/>
- **Conservation at Exeter Cathedral**
<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/our-building/conservation-of-the-cathedral/>

How to Apply

To apply please complete the application form available at <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/volunteer-with-us/>

Please submit your completed application form along with a covering letter outlining why you are suitable for this role to volunteers@exeter-cathedral.org.uk by 5pm on Sunday 8 March 2026.

Our expectation is that an appointment will be made in April 2026, following an informal interview.