

Mission Statement of Friends of Staffordshire

Friends of Staffordshire strives to support and empower everyone connected to Staffordshire, including residents, property owners, visitors, and all community stakeholders. As an independent group, we advocate for fair and accountable governance in Staffordshire, offering a resource hub for clear information, community collaboration, and strong advocacy to enhance governance for all.

Our mission is to create a safe, welcoming, and informed community by:

Promoting Independent Governance

Friends advocates for separating the Staffordshire Water System (SWS) from the Staffordshire Homeowners Association (SHOA) to ensure independent management. Currently, shared meetings and directors create conflicts of interest that affect service quality in Staffordshire. We work to establish clear, accountable leadership in both groups to protect and support residents. This aligns with our long-term goal of restoring appropriate governance boundaries.

Upholding Water Safety as a Basic Right

Every person has the right to safe water. Friends pushes for high standards in water management and clear communication on public health. SWS must enhance its procedures and oversight. This is essential to safeguarding Staffordshire's essential water resources.

Promoting Financial Transparency and Compliance

For Staffordshire's future, we must manage community resources responsibly. Friends is dedicated to helping both SHOA and SWS meet Oregon's financial standards, ensuring clear records and sound fund management. Independent oversight is essential, especially in light of past issues. We advocate for ethical and compliant practices in both entities.

Serving and Empowering All Community Stakeholders

Staffordshire is a diverse community, and Friends is committed to supporting all stakeholders, including renters, employees, visitors, and HOA members. We work to ensure every voice is heard and to create a space that respects each individual's needs, promoting fairness and inclusivity throughout the community.

Building a Legacy of Trust and Collaboration

Staffordshire's vision is one of inclusivity and cooperation, where governance safeguards the rights, safety, and welfare of every resident. Friends strives to build a community where transparency thrives, openness flourishes, and everyone has a voice. Through accountable leadership and active participation, we foster a supportive environment that nurtures progress and protects all residents. Together, we forge a legacy of trust, fairness, and shared prosperity for generations to come.

Friends of Staffordshire champions change by amplifying voices, defending rights, and addressing unmet needs. Our dedication strengthens Staffordshire, transforming it into a community where each person's voice matters—one step at a time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Short". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning.