

Lesley Robson Operations Manager, Glendale Gateway Trust

I started with the Trust in September 2023 as Rural Advocate and Inclusion Officer, until my promotion to Operations Manager in November 2025. I spent the previous 8 years working in the charity sector at the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Prior to this, I had a long career in the Middle East working at government level on foreign policy with extensive experience in relationship building, diplomacy and advocacy in the field of international relations. Having travelled all over the world as part of this role, I decided to return home to Northumberland. I joined the RNLI, first as a volunteer lifeboat crew, then as Community Manager working in volunteer management and community engagement across the northeast. I am now settled in North Northumberland and am passionate about our beautiful county, so I am delighted to be advocating for local rural issues. I enjoy outdoor pursuits, especially hill walking in the Cheviots.