



Volunteer Role Description

The Box Moor Trust manages approximately 500 acres of land in and around Hemel Hempstead. The estate has a variety of habitats and facilities for local people to enjoy, as well as a wealth of wildlife, including some locally rare species. Volunteers work alongside Box Moor Trust staff in almost all aspects of managing the estate, such as working with the livestock used to graze the meadows, carrying out habitat management work such as removing scrub, or assisting with running community engagement sessions such as guided walks and school visits.

Volunteer Role: Community Engagement Volunteer

Area of work: Environmental Awareness and Community

Lead contact: Karen Poore, Environmental Awareness and Community Senior Ranger

Time Commitment: There is no requirement to commit to a certain number of sessions or hours – volunteers can come to as many or as few sessions as they like. Youth and Mini Ranger sessions run on the third Saturday of every month. All other activities are scheduled in as and when required, such as school visits during term time, and uniform groups in evenings.

DBS check required: DBS check preferred for this role but not essential.

Role Purpose

To support the Environmental Awareness and Community team in carrying out outreach activities, promoting awareness of the wildlife found in and around Hemel Hempstead, and providing opportunities to interact and learn about the natural world.

Tasks and Activities

Including but not limited to assisting with or leading:

- Guided Walks for all ages
- Activities for children such as pond and river dipping, meadow sweeping, bug hunting, bat walks and many others
- Seasonal activities across the year such as Bushcraft sessions, Wreath Making and visits to the Lambing Barn
- School visits to the Trust Estate, working with visiting teachers to deliver lessons to school children of all ages

Personal Qualities and Experience needed

- Enthusiastic about wildlife and nature conservation
- Happy to work outside in all weathers
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Ability to engage with all age groups
- A reasonable level of fitness

What you will gain

- Providing people with opportunities to engage with the natural world on their doorstep
- Training on delivering a wide range of activities to a variety of different audiences
- Learn about conservation in a semi-urban environment
- Have fun and meet new people
- Exercise while enjoying nature
- Understanding of the day-to-day running of the Box Moor Trust
- Experience relevant to this role and a reference for future employment
- Attendance of social activities including the annual Volunteers Summer BBQ and Christmas party

Useful information:

- Uniform is provided after attendance of a few sessions
- All equipment is provided for this role
- Please bring any refreshments you may need
- Training opportunities may include workshops on different surveys, species and other topics that may help you in fulfilling your role