



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: Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer

Area of work: Habitat and Estate Management

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

Time Commitment: Duke of Edinburgh students must commit a minimum of an hour a week for either three or six months, depending on the level of their award. There are two opportunities offered at present – litter picking across the Estate and Weekend Conservation Volunteering. Litter picking can be carried out at any time that suits the student. Weekend Conservation Volunteer sessions are run on the second Sunday of each month from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Please note that to take part in Weekend Conservation Volunteering, DoE students MUST be accompanied by an adult throughout the session. This is due to the group being a mix of adults and students.

Role Purpose

To support the Estates Team in managing the Box Moor Trust estate by carrying out practical work in a range of different habitats.

Tasks and Activities

Including but not limited to:

- Scrub removal
- Removing invasive species
- Strimming roadsides and kissing gates
- Weeding
- Hedge laying
- Tree planting
- Tool maintenance
- River restoration work
- Litter Picking

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
- A reasonable level of fitness

What you will gain

- Opportunity to develop practical skills in habitat management and estate management
- Learn about conservation in a semi-urban environment
- Have fun and meet new people
- Exercise while enjoying nature
- Invitation to social activities including the annual Volunteers Summer BBQ and Christmas party
- Sign-off on volunteer hours for your DoE award.

Useful information:

- Uniform is provided after attendance of a few sessions, including provision of either a pair of safety boots or safety wellies
- All tools and PPE are provided for this role
- Please bring a packed lunch and any refreshments you may need
- Duke of Edinburgh Students MUST attend with a guardian