



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: Estate Volunteer

Area of work: Habitat and Estate Management

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

Time Commitment: Regular volunteer hours run on Tuesdays from 10am-3pm and Wednesdays from 8:30am-4pm, but work outside of these days is also possible. There is no requirement to commit to a certain number of sessions or hours – volunteers can come to as many or as few as they like, and work for as long as they like on those days. Ideally you would attend the full session as this helps with task completion and logistics.

DBS check required: No

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

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
- 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, 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
- Training opportunities may include tool use, brushcutter, chainsaw, tractor driving, first aid and other training that would support you in fulfilling this role.