

Volunteer Role Description

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| Title of role: | Volunteer Wild play ranger |
| Location: | Various |
| Responsible to: | Engagement Officer |
| Status: | Voluntary |
| Hours: | Various – weekends and school holidays |

General Information:

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust is a member of The Wildlife Trusts, a nationwide network of local trusts that work to protect wildlife in town and country. Through their care of a network of nature reserves and a range of other conservation and education activities, The Wildlife Trusts are striving for a UK richer in wildlife and promotes active engagement in Nature. Volunteers are vital not only to practical conservation tasks but also to the engagement of the public, events and administrative tasks.

Guiding children of all ages in activities and free play sessions as part of the Wildplay Team. Join us in the community and on site at Queenswood. From Forest School fire lighting and den building to scrap art and water play on community playing fields to Eastnor castle for insect hunts, apple pressing and mud kitchens. Our Wildplay volunteers need an ability to connect with children and their parents, an interest in nature and a desire to connect young people to their environment.

Sessions can be anything from 2 hours to all day/half a day in Herefordshire. Free parking at Queenswood is included as a thank you to our volunteers

Main tasks:

- Running specific activities and free play sessions as part of the Wildplay Team.
- Working with children to engage with the outdoors

Skills/Qualities Needed

- Love of Nature and/or love of creativity
- Happy to be outside in all weathers
- Comfortable working in a team
- Experience working or volunteering with children and families
- Given the role is working with young people a DBS check will be needed, this can be completed as part of the volunteer induction

Expenses

The Volunteer may claim their travel expenses incurred travelling to and from their volunteering duties and any training sessions, (considering the shortest distance) with authorisation from their Volunteer Manager.

For roles at Queenswood car parking will be covered by the Trust.

Confidentiality

The volunteers will have access to sensitive information on sites and individuals, such as personal contact information. Herefordshire Wildlife Trust has a Data Protection Policy a copy of which will be provided if requested. The volunteer is expected to respect confidentiality and not to comment on any sensitive issues which may arise.

Training

Training required for the role will be provided by the Trust. Other training opportunities may be available on an ad-hoc basis.

Safeguarding

All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check prior to starting their role as a Wildplay volunteer. The role will be subject to the completion of the DBS check.