

Title: Living History Volunteer (Viking Era)

**Department**: Education

**Reports to:** Education Co-ordinator / Duty Manager

**Commitment:** 1 four hour shift per week minimum

**Duration:** Ongoing

#### General Information

Brockswood Animal Sanctuary is situated at the head of the Cotwall End Valley in Sedgley. We occupy a total of 16 acres of land which provides a home to our many rescued animals. Alongside the animals we have several acres of woodland, wildlife ponds and a recreation of a Viking settlement, plus a shop selling gifts and refreshments

## Why volunteer?

Brockswood volunteers fulfil important roles within our Animal Sanctuary team, and without their commitment and enthusiasm it would not be possible to achieve many of our aims and objectives. This post is an opportunity to share your knowledge, experience and skills in living history and education, or maybe even learn some new ones! Volunteering is also a great way to meet new people and contribute towards the ongoing development of the sanctuary.

# Role Description & Main Duties

Duties will be focussed around our Viking village and will include:

- Helping staff with the delivery of Viking based living history workshops and displays to schools and public
- Help with the general maintenance and upkeep of the Viking village
- Setting up, putting away, and maintenance of educational materials

## **Person Specification**

- Have a general interest in history and a willingness to learn about the specific time period of the project
- Be confident and a good communicator
- Willing to wear period costume if necessary (provided when required)
- Enjoy working with the public and children. For those working alongside vulnerable groups a DBS Check will be required
- Reliable, punctual, and able to commit to regular attendance

## What you get out of volunteering

This is an opportunity for someone who likes working with children or is enthusiastic about Anglo Saxon & Viking history. May also suit someone looking to gain experience in an educational workshop setting.