

Title: Gardening Volunteer

Department: Maintenance

Reports to: Maintenance Co-ordinator / Duty Manager

Commitment: Dependant on individual project / time of year

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 gardening and horticulture or maybe learn some new ones! Volunteering is also a great way to meet new people and contribute towards the ongoing development of the sanctuary.

Main Tasks

Gardening Volunteers help to keep our site looking professional and well cared for, and support the sanctuary's maintenance staff by assisting with the following tasks:

- Planting, pruning, watering, weeding and general grounds maintenance
- Management of trees, bushes and hedges
- Help with the upkeep of the nature trail
- Be involved with horticultural conservation projects as appropriate

Person Specification

- Horticultural knowledge and experience are desirable but not essential
- Where necessary, knowledge of specialist gardening tools and if appropriate, the necessary license to use specialist equipment e.g. chainsaw.
- Enjoy working around the public and be able to communicate with visitors in a clear and friendly manner
- Be able to manage the physical demands of the role

What you get out of volunteering

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who enjoys working outside, gardening or basic DIY. It is a chance to be part of a small but enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers who all work together to develop and maintain this diverse site.