



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Volunteer Animal Keeper</b>
<b>Department:</b>	Animal Care
<b>Reports to:</b>	Senior Animal Keeper / Duty Manager
<b>Commitment:</b>	1 day per week / 1 day per fortnight (weekend days)
<b>Duration:</b>	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 our rescued animals we have several acres of woodland, wildlife ponds and a recreation of a Viking settlement. We have a number of ongoing conservation projects both on our site and in the greater Cotwall End area.

### 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 or maybe learn some new ones! Volunteering is also a great way to meet new people and not only be involved in the care of our rescued animals but also contribute towards our conservation and environmental aims and objectives.

### Role Description & Main Duties

Volunteer Animal Keepers support the sanctuary's animal care team by assisting with the following daily tasks including; cleaning and maintenance of animal enclosures, preparation of animal feed, assist with animal medications as necessary, and provision of animal enrichments.

Please note that working with animals at Brockswood is not for the faint-hearted! There may be early starts and late finishes dependant on the needs of the animals and lots of physical activity, often in poor weather conditions!

### Person Specification

- Have a general interest in animal husbandry but are also reliable, punctual, and able to commit to regular attendance
- Be enthusiastic and enjoy working as part of a team
- Friendly, outgoing people who are articulate, confident, and at ease with speaking to visitors
- All volunteers must be over 18 and have good levels of physical fitness (you will be on your feet the majority of the day) and some tasks will require stamina as you will be dealing with mud in the winter, heavy lifting (animal feed bags and hay bales etc.), and uneven ground. There is no upper age limit as long as you continue to be fit and active, able and willing to learn and remember new information and adapt to change.

### What you get out of volunteering

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who enjoys working outside with animals and also has an interest in being involved in local environmental conservation, by being part of a small but enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers who maintain and develop the sanctuary.