Nature Discovery Centre Orchard Volunteers

Role title:
Nature Discovery Centre Orchard Work Party

Based at location (please indicate if disabled access is available)**:**
Nature Discovery Centre, Muddy Lane, Lower Way, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 3FU

Purpose of the role:
BBOWT's Nature Discovery Centre is a family friendly visitor centre surrounded by a mosaic of different habitats, including the Thatcham Community Orchard. The work party maintains this apple orchard.

Type of work you will be involved in:
Work consists of clearing scrub, maintaining footpaths, and pruning the trees. We have an annual Apple Day in the Autumn to celebrate the harvest with stalls and tastings.

Experience &/or qualifications needed:
No experience or qualifications are necessary

Suitable for Under 18s
Age 8-13 years accompanied by a parent or guardian. Aged 14-17 if a completed Parent/Guardian consent form is received in advance. Unfortunately, the work party is not suitable for children under 8.

Times/days we would like you to be available (flexibility is often possible)**:**
Sessions will be a few times a month, typically on weekdays. Sessions will be during regular working hours 9am – 5pm and will last approximately 3 hours.

Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities:
You will receive training in any tasks or tools which you use. As part of the work, you will learn about habitat management and conservation methods. BBOWT also offer some specialist training courses and online talks for volunteers about conservation issues.

This friendly group enjoy the social aspects of volunteering together, BBOWT also arranges annual Thank-you events with opportunities to meet other volunteers and staff and hear about the activities and strategies of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. We also have an email newsletter for volunteers called Grapevine.

You will be responsible to:

Nature Discovery Centre Assistant Manager, Hazel Fell

Expenses payable:

N/A

Interview, References or DBS check required:

Informal interview required