

## Nature Discovery Centre Orchard Volunteers

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| <b>Role title</b>  |
| Nature Discovery Centre Orchard Work Party Volunteer   |
| <b>Based at location</b>   |
| Nature Discovery Centre, Muddy Lane, Lower Way, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 3FU  |
| <b>Purpose of the role</b>   |
| 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, with occasional gardening work around the site flowerbeds.  |
| <b>Type of work you will be involved in</b>  |
| 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. Occasional work tending flowerbeds across the reserve.   |
| <b>Experience &amp;/or qualifications needed</b>   |
| No experience or qualifications are necessary.   |
| <b>Suitable for Under 18s</b>  |
| Age 8-13 accompanied by a parent or guardian. Age 14-17 if a completed Parent/Guardian consent form received in advance. The work party is not suitable for children under 8.  |
| <b>Times/days we would like you to be available</b> (flexibility is often possible):   |
| The work party meets every other Tuesday, from 10am until approximately 2pm. Bring a packed lunch and enjoy a natter with your lunch break!  |
| <b>Benefits to volunteer &amp; possible training opportunities:</b>  |
| 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. 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. |

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| <b>You will be responsible to:</b>                  |
| Nature Discovery Centre Manager                     |
| <b>Expenses payable:</b>                            |
| No  |
| <b>Interview, References or DBS check required:</b> |
| Informal interview required.                        |

