

Volunteer Role Description

Role title
College Lake Cornfield Flower Nursery Volunteer
Based at location
College Lake, Upper Icknield Way, Bulbourne, Tring, Herts, HP23 5QG
Purpose of the role
<p>This role is part of the cornfield flower nursery group, maintaining and developing our cornfield flower meadows, nursery and seed bank. The cornfield flower meadow project, also known as arable weeds, has been running for 40 years and helps to conserve these rare plants from going extinct.</p> <p>The nursery has raised benches with plant boxes to make the gardening easier, there is a garden shed and a greenhouse to assist with growing plants and storing seed. The group is most active in the spring and summer months, collecting seeds from the plants which have flowered that year, and watering the nursery and meadows during dry spells. In November and December, they clean and sort the seeds ready for sowing. Each year, the arable weeds are planted alongside heritage wheat in a cornfield at College Lake and in a one-hectare arable weed meadow at the top end of the reserve.</p>
Type of work in which you will be involved
<p>Undertaking varied management tasks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed harvesting • Propagating plants from seed, division, growing and caring for plants • Bed maintenance and watering • Weeding • There are also opportunities to be involved in visitor engagement roles such as nursery open days or events.
Experience and skills required
<p>No experience necessary, but enthusiasm and patience are important. If you have gardening, or horticultural knowledge that is always useful, but a reasonable level of fitness and enthusiasm for being outdoors is as important.</p>



Suitable for Under 18s

No

Times/days we would like you to be available

Tuesday and Fridays 10am-1pm, depending on tasks. Less often in winter months.

Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities

- Join a friendly team of volunteers and staff working together to promote wildlife learning and more nature everywhere.
- The chance to be actively involved in one of BBOWT's flagship sites.
- The opportunity to work closely with local people and enhance their enjoyment of nature.
- Make new friends and share skills
- Spend time in a beautiful natural space and make a real contribution to its upkeep.
- Participate in engaging and meaningful physical exercise.
- Volunteers with the Trust can attend online talks and guided walks.
- Attend annual thank-you events with opportunities to meet other volunteers and staff and hear about activities and strategies of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.
- Receive an email newsletter for volunteers called Grapevine.

You will be responsible to

Cornfield Flowers Nursery Volunteer Leader

Expenses payable

None

Interview, References or DBS check required?

Informal interview and trial period on starting to ensure the role is suitable for you

