



The Bay – Morecambe Hub Community Volunteer Role Description

The Bay: A Blueprint for Recovery

The Bay is a Nature and Wellbeing Programme, offering people living around Morecambe Bay the opportunity to get outdoors, connect with nature, and take part in a range of activities to support wellbeing. The Bay hosts a varied programme of events in the community as well as nature and wellbeing sessions that individuals can refer onto.

The programme has been set up to tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness in Morecambe Bay after the global pandemic. Created by partner organisations; The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, The Eden Project, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, the project is delivered at hubs located across the communities of Wyre, Morecambe and South Cumbria and works with people from 11 - 50+ years old.

About Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Volunteering with the Bay Project in Morecambe is co-ordinated by Lancashire Wildlife Trust. We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you.

The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage.

LWT is committed to the principle of valuing diversity. We recognise the benefits that can be secured through working with a diverse staff and voluntary workforce and harnessing the individual talents of those from different backgrounds and with different skills.

What is the Morecambe Community Hub?

To help The Bay team to engage with more people who live in the Morecambe Bay area a Community Hub has been set up in the Arndale Shopping Centre. The space is open on Thursdays 10 until 12 and Fridays from 11 until 3 with plans to open on other days on occasion. It is used to run indoor nature and wellbeing sessions for The Bay participants, drop-in events such as crafting and taster activities for example using mobile rockpools to enable people to learn more about the coastal environment.

What is a Morecambe Community Hub Volunteer?

We're looking for friendly, engaging volunteers to support our small staff team by helping them with the preparation for drop-in and taster sessions and supporting people to get involved with the activities. It's important that The Hub is kept looking fresh and vibrant so those with creative talents will be able to help create eye catching window and table displays to promote The Bay activities.

The Hub is a registered warm space and several times a week a food share is organised helping prevent food waste and feed people who are in need. Friendly volunteers are needed to help provide a warm welcome, a brew and to share information about the other opportunities The Bay has to offer.





What's involved?

The Hub volunteer role could involve:

- Assisting staff with the preparation and delivery of community drop-in and taster sessions at the Hub
- Assisting staff with the running of the Hub as a warm space.
- Assisting staff with the weekly food shares.
- Helping the staff to keep the Hub looking welcoming and attractive.

All Hub volunteers must:

- Represent the Trust and help to promote The Bay programme's sessions and events at the Hub.
- Become familiar with and then follow the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety procedures at all times.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information

What's in it for you?

- The chance to make a difference in the community
- Become a valued part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Pass on your knowledge to other people
- Learn new skills and experience working within the community
- Be eligible to apply for internal LWT vacancies (once induction has been completed)

This role will suit people who:

This role could suit almost anyone depending on their interests, but will especially suit those who:

- Are aged 18 or above
- Are reliable, approachable and friendly
- Have empathy with those who are unemployed or may experience poor mental health
- Have good interpersonal skills and are able to work with people from all walks of life including children, young people or vulnerable adults who are potentially from challenging backgrounds
- An understanding of ecotherapy and/or local natural history would be useful
- Would like to develop new skills and knowledge
- Would like to contribute to the work of The Trust
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Are creative and practical

Please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.





Extra information

Your place	The Bay Community Hub, Arndale Shopping Centre, Morecambe
Time commitment	Flexible depending on role within The Hub. Ideally at least half a day (supporting a 2hr session) on a regular weekly basis - to be discussed with Project Officers at the Morecambe Hub.
Volunteer Coordinator	Catherine Haddon chaddon@lancswt.org.uk 01772 324 129
Volunteer Manager	To be confirmed on induction For more information or to apply please contact: Amber Woods – Community Engagement Officer awoods@edenproject.com 07884 671387
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Access to Volunteer Learning Opportunities Safeguarding Training (mandatory for this role) First Aid Training Mental Health First Aid Training (subject to course availability) Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed)
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £8 per day, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance.
Requirements	The Trust will apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for volunteers undertaking this role which is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 because it involves working with children and young people or vulnerable adults. In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will take up two references.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract





The Bay – Hub Volunteer Information Sheet

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- ❖ The Bay is a Nature and Wellbeing Programme, offering people living in Morecambe Bay the opportunity to get outdoors, connect with nature, and take part in a range of activities that cover the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.
- ❖ The Bay is a multi-partner project involving The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, The Eden Project, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust.
- ❖ The project started in September 2021 and was initially funded for two years after being awarded People's Postcode Lottery Dream Funding. The rationale behind The Bay was to tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness in Morecambe Bay after the global pandemic.
- ❖ The Bay currently comprises a team of 10 full time, paid staff members and our volunteers provide vital support for the work that we do.
- ❖ The project area covers the whole of Morecambe Bay and we have three hub areas (Barrow-in-Furness, Morecambe and Wyre) where our team are based.
- ❖ The delivery involves population level engagement via our social media channels, community engagement through public events and a programme of wellbeing sessions in small groups that individuals can refer onto.
- ❖ Session activities link into the 5 Ways to Wellbeing supporting individuals to spend time in nature while Connecting, Learning, Being Active, Taking Notice and Giving Back.





Eden Project Morecambe

- ❖ Eden Project Morecambe reimagines Morecambe as a seaside resort for the 21st century and will form part of a jigsaw for regenerating Morecambe.
- ❖ The key themes are sustainability and the environment and rejuvenation of the UK's coastal communities.
- ❖ The project will lead as an example of regenerative sustainability as a 'fossil fuel free site.' There will also be the 'Energy Field' a showcase of sustainable energy technologies.
- ❖ The site will explore rhythms in nature, how the lunar and tidal cycles control the tide as well as the change of the seasons and cultural rhythms in deprived coastal communities.
- ❖ There are plans for an outdoor arena that can host 3000 people to get Morecambe on the music touring map.
- ❖ Eden Project Morecambe will also be promoting the conservation of Morecambe Bay, one of the UK's world-class natural environments.
- ❖ The site will be 45000 square metres – 2500 square metres of this will be open to the public without charge.
- ❖ Public access to the promenade path around the perimeter of the site will also be maintained.
- ❖ There will be designated parking areas. When a ticket is bought, you will be given a parking ticket for a certain carpark (either park and ride or near Rita's Cafe). The entry to Eden ticket will only be valid once you have parked in your given carpark.
- ❖ Morrisons brings 24000 shoppers per week – Eden Project Morecambe is expected to bring around the same number.
- ❖ There will be over 300 jobs on site available.
- ❖ Construction is set to start in October 2023. There will be a 'soft opening' late in 2025 and it is due to fully open by Spring 2026.

