



**Lancashire,
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BROCKHOLES

Volunteer Role Description

Nature Tots Volunteer

Boggart Hole Clough

Blackley

Manchester

About the 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.

What is a Nature Tots Volunteer?

We have a new weekly Nature Tots activity session delivered by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust Education Team at Boggart Hole Clough in Blackley, Manchester. Nature Tots is designed for young children (age 15 months – 5 years) and their parents/guardians. Sessions involve a variety of activities from nature hunts to story time and natural art.

The sessions run throughout term time, every Monday and you will be required to volunteer for 4 hours per week, this will be on a Monday morning (8.30am-12.30pm).

Support will be given to all volunteers by the Project Officer to enable you to design and deliver fun activities for Nature Tots.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Satisfaction from seeing people, particularly children, enjoy the site
- Express your creative talents
- Gaining experience of working with children and their families

What's involved?

- Helping to develop ideas for sessions for young children and their families.
- Having knowledge of the site and the ability to enhance the experience of our Nature Tots visitors.
- Helping to set up before and after the activity.

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- Helping to develop new materials to be used for activities.
- Helping enable children and their families to take part in Nature Tots activities.
- Helping to clean and tidy following an activity.
- Reporting any damage or incidents to the Project Officer.
- Becoming familiar with and then following the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety Policy at all times.

This role will suit people who:

- Have experience of, or would like to gain experience of, working with young children and their families.
- Are creative and are able to help develop session ideas and activities suitable for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- Are enthusiastic and want to engage people, especially children, with the natural environment.
- Can make learning fun.
- Have a friendly nature.
- Have some knowledge of resources, which can be used for activities.

Extra information

Your place	Boggart Hole Clough, Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 7DH
Time commitment	4 hours per week (Mondays during term time)
Senior Project Officer	Katie Dearden (kdearden@lancswt.org.uk)
Project Officer	Patricia McGlynn (pmcglynn@lancswt.org.uk)
Staff Contact (if different)	Catherine Haddon
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Child protection Access to the Volunteer Training Programme Health and Safety Manual Handling Eligible to apply for internal vacancies
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £5 per day, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance
Requirements	A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is necessary for this role which is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 because it involves working with children and young people. In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask you to provide two references. Volunteers should be over 18 years to apply for this role

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