



**Lancashire,
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Volunteer Role Description

Brockholes Nature Tots Volunteer

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 Brockholes Nature Tots Volunteer?

Nature Tots is based predominantly outdoors and has an emphasis on the little ones having fun and learning through nature. Nature Tots is designed for young children (age 15 months – 5 years) and their parents/guardians. Sessions are run at Brockholes every Friday during term time, 9.30am–10.45am and 11.15am-12.30pm and are based around interactive activities. Each week there is a different theme, around which the activities are based. Previous sessions have included nest building, frogs and toads, fairies, owls, natural art and many other fun themes. This helps the youngsters stimulate independent learning and team work, which will help to boost communication skills, problem solving, physical development and creativity.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, friendly and reliable volunteer who would like to help regularly with Nature Tots at Brockholes on Friday mornings (8.30am – 1pm).

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 outdoors.
- Express your creative talents.
- Gaining experience of working with children and their families.
- You will have free parking for the day of your volunteering.
- Our volunteers receive a 10% discount at the restaurant and shop.

What's involved?

- Helping to set up before and tidy up after the activity.
- Helping children and their families to take part in Nature Tots activities.
- Having knowledge of the site and the ability to enhance the experience of our Nature Tots visitors.
- Helping to prepare refreshments for families.

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- Helping to develop ideas and new materials for activities for young children and their families.
- Reporting any damage or incidents to the LWT staff.
- 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.
- Enjoy working outdoors in all weathers.

Extra information

Your place	Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0AG.
Time commitment	Every Friday during term time (8.30am – 1pm)
Volunteer Manager	Sarah Leach (Events & Communications Manager) Sarah.leach@brockholes.org / 01772 872003
Staff Contact (if different)	Kathryn Phillips kphillips@lancswt.org.uk / 01772 872017
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Safeguarding Training Health and Safety Training Manual Handling Training Access to Volunteer Learning Opportunities (all 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 £5 per day, and other reasonable subsistence/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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