



Lancashire,  
Manchester &  
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## Woodland Oasis Volunteer Minibus Driver

### Role Description

### 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.

### About The Woodland Oasis Project

The Woodland Oasis Project funded by Young Lancashire is a three year project, in which we are developing three woodland sites in Lancashire, enabling young people from local schools, community groups and young volunteers to easily access a safe, sustainable bookable outdoor space. It is a fantastic resource for schools and youth groups for outdoor learning and enjoyment in the area.

At the Booths Plantation site there is a fire seating area with waterproof parachute, a Viking longhouse and compost toilet.

### What is a Woodland Oasis Volunteer Minibus Driver?

This particular part of the project is aimed at running Forest School sessions with a local school. Each week there are different structured activities that are child-centric to enable the young peoples' self-development through stimulating independent learning and team work, which will help to boost communication skills, problem solving, physical development and creativity.

We are looking for enthusiastic, friendly and reliable volunteers who would like to drive a minibus to pick children up from a local Primary School and take them to the Woodland Oasis in Hutton for their Forest School Session, returning them at the end of the day. This is a weekly opportunity during term time on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8.30am - 4pm. If you are able to commit to a day every week this would be fantastic but our aim is to have a minimum of 4 volunteers to commit to the opportunity as we realise that this is a large commitment.

**There is the opportunity to assist with the Forest School sessions too or simply do the driving, this can be discussed.**

Future expansion of the role will be to supply other sites around the Lancashire area throughout the week, to meet the requirements of the Woodland Oasis project.

## What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting young people from a local school and inspiring their woodland experience
- Satisfaction from seeing people, particularly children, enjoy the outdoors
- Express your creative talents
- Gaining experience of working with children
- Gaining experience of Forest School
- There is no parking charge for the day of your volunteering at Brockholes Nature Reserve
- Our volunteers receive a 10% discount at the restaurant and shop at Brockholes Nature Reserve

## What's involved?

- Driving the minibus from Brockholes Nature Reserve to a local Primary School and then to Booths Plantation, with return journeys
- Helping set up and tidy during the Forest School sessions
- Helping children to take part in Forest School activities
- 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:

- Are medically fit and qualified to drive a 17 seat minibus (you will need a D1 licence for this role).
- Enjoy driving
- Have experience of, or would like to gain experience of, working with young children in a Forest School setting
- Are enthusiastic and want to engage people, especially children, with the natural environment.
- Can make learning fun.
- Have a fun, friendly nature
- Enjoy working outdoors in all weathers

## Extra information

<b>Your place</b>	Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Preston, PR5 0AG (minibus pick up point) Driving to - Monday: Bretherton Endowed Primary School (PR26 9AH) Wednesday: Hoole St. Michael C of E Primary School (PR4 5JQ) Drop off - Booths Plantation, Ratten Lane, Hutton, Preston, PR4 5TE
<b>Time commitment</b>	Regular (or sporadically) Mondays or Wednesdays during term time,

	<p>8.30am – 4:00pm</p> <p>We hope to find a minimum of 4 volunteers to commit to the opportunity as we realise that this is longer day than the usual volunteer role. Future expansion of the role will be to supply other sites around the Lancashire area throughout the week, to meet the requirements of the Woodland Oasis project.</p>
<b>Volunteer Manager</b>	<p>Phil Lea  plea@lancswt.org.uk  01772 872017 or 07720 208422</p>
<b>Staff Contact</b> (if different)	<p>Catherine Haddon (Volunteer Coordinator)  01772 318374  chaddon@lancswt.org.uk</p>
<b>Training/Resources</b>	<p>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)</p>
<b>Expenses</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Requirements</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask you to provide two references.</p>

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