



**Lancashire,  
Manchester &  
N Merseyside**

## Role Description

### Weekend Family Event 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.

#### About the Role/Project

Moss Bank Park and in particular The Hive, is a magical escape for families. Together a series of unique gardens, outdoor spaces, park features and café set in 84 acres of green space, makes the park one of the best in Bolton. We are able to encourage further visitors thanks to a funding bid supporting further volunteer participation and the opportunity to create wider engagement roles.

#### What is a Weekend Family Event Volunteer?

Your role will support outdoor engagement activities offered by the Wildlife Trust here at the Hive, mainly for families with young children. These range from open days to pre-booked ticketed events, with some being delivered sessions and others self-led. Your responsibilities will include ensuring that all families are made to feel welcome, assist with a range of tasks including helping people understand what to do, encourage participation, hand packs out and gather resources at the end. And for those who want to, you can have the chance to get fully immersed into the event theme in fancy dress. This is obviously not obligatory to the role but is something that budding actors may enjoy.

#### What's in it for you?

- Be part of a fun and friendly team gaining experience at one of Bolton's flagship parks, whilst furthering your knowledge with young children and families.
- This is an opportunity to get a change of scenery and fresh air whilst connecting with others after being 'stuck in' for what feels like a long time.
- Spend time doing something you enjoy, being part of an exciting and rewarding day.
- Share understanding, learn or have a go at something new/take part in training.
- Feel good factor from giving your time/being involved, plus satisfaction engaging children in an outdoor setting.
- Gain confidence and have social interactions with a wide range of people.

- In addition, you will gain experience that can support you in other areas of life, such as combatting loneliness, future career.
- An opportunity to attend seasonal volunteer outdoor gatherings and 20% discount at Cotswold.

### **What's involved?**

You'll be helping to set up beforehand, including gathering resources, organising equipment and signing people in upon arrival. Working alongside staff throughout the event and partaking in activities including meet and greet, celebrating children's achievements. There will be lots of interaction and enthusing children/families, making it an enjoyable experience for all. There may be an element of cash handling at times, answering questions or pointing in the right direction. After the event there will be tidying and replenishing resources.

### **This role will suit people who;**

Someone who is a lively person, good with children and with a fun, enthusiastic and friendly nature, keen on making outdoor experiences extremely memorable. Must enjoy outdoor activities and not mind volunteering in all weathers. Able to use initiative as well as following the direction of the event's project officer, and happy doing either. Have or want to gain experience in working with children and families, plus happy mixing with people from wide ranging backgrounds. A trustworthy and reliable person with good time-keeping skills and liking to organise are also essential to this role.

### **Extra information**

<b>Your place</b>	The Hive behind the cafe, Moss Bank Park, Bolton.
<b>Time commitment</b>	Opportunities are currently available either on a Saturday or Sunday
<b>Volunteer Co-ordinator</b>	Charlotte Yates <a href="mailto:cyates@lancswt.org.uk">cyates@lancswt.org.uk</a> 07596 888335
<b>Training/Resources</b>	LWT Volunteer Induction Role specific training/shadowing Health and Safety Training Access to LWT learning opportunities and Volunteer Conference Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed)
<b>Expenses</b>	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £5 per day
<b>Requirements</b>	Completion of Volunteer Registration Form Informal Interview Two references Complete initial induction and relevant further training.

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