



**Lancashire,  
Manchester &  
N Merseyside**

## **Role Description**

### **Craft Volunteer –**

#### **The Hive, Moss Bank Park**

## **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 Craft Volunteer?**

Craft Volunteers set up a weekly craft activity, mainly in the café but sometimes also at the Hive at certain times of the year. You will have a regular weekly morning slot putting out and tidying away craft materials that young children and their families can have a go at, all with a nature-based theme. Whilst this will be your main task, for anyone with a particularly crafty side, there may be opportunities to help create occasional crafts or props for the wider Hive site. Encourage participation, help young children to develop their imagination and creative side. An interest in crafts and making would be an added advantage.

## **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 whilst connecting with others after being 'stuck in' for what feels like a long time.
- Spend time doing something you enjoy, being part of a rewarding session.
- 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 nature.
- 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?**

Set up a craft station for the morning, have a simple demonstration to hand, busy around encouraging take-up, replenishing items if need be and tidying as you go but also at the end. Be able to research simple nature craft ideas although some will be given in training. Gather resources from the Hive classroom and also collect natural found objects, for example nice feathers/leaves/sticks. Let children know when they've tried hard/made something nice. Interact with crafty families and encourage people to come again or take part in wider Hive activities.

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

Have an artistic flair and enjoy crafts, making things, nature and natural materials. Must like being around young children and be accepting of the mess that can sometimes arise. People who are encouraging and able to interact with families and children. Those who can use their initiative to think up new simple craft activities or are able to source new craft ideas. Being organised, like tidying, as well as punctual and reliable are also essential to this role.

### **Extra information**

<b>Your place</b>	The Café and Hive, Moss Bank Park, Bolton.
<b>Time commitment</b>	One morning a week
<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 i.e. natural crafts 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.**