



**Lancashire,
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Role Description

Story Morning 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 Story Morning Volunteer?

This role is perfect for a lover of books who has a fondness of spending time with pre-school aged children, able to enthuse and grab their attention. If you like getting into role, putting on different voices and occasionally singing repeat verses or rhymes, this could be for you. Build a rapport with new and frequent story attendees, help develop an appreciation of stories, in particular those with themes of outdoors and nature. Make families want to come again and participate in wider Hive activities. And for anyone who really wants to get into character, the option to wear a story teller's gown.

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 the park café and wider Hive.
- 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?

Be ready to read younger children's stories in the Hive in the school holidays, or café at other times, on a weekday morning at the same time each week. Select stories that have an outdoor or nature-based theme or that tie in to special occasions, for example Halloween – we have a range of books available but are happy for others to be recommended. Encourage children to join in where appropriate, such as repeat phrases. Link stories to a simple activity that could be followed up by families in the Hive or park, i.e. looking for minibeasts or finding their own stick man.

This role will suit people who;

People who are theatrical with a creative flare, able to bring stories to life. Lively and friendly with a big personality, able to interact with young children in a positive manner. Confident around pre-schoolers, able to capture their attention and imagination. Able to connect with young ones, asking related questions. Happy to be in the café, or on site at the Hive in changing weather. Reliable with good time keeping. Plus a love of the natural environment.

Extra information

Your place	The Café and Hive, Moss Bank Park, Bolton.
Time commitment	1 morning a week.
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Charlotte Yates cyates@lancswt.org.uk 07596 888335
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Role specific training/shadowing Access to LWT learning opportunities and Volunteer Conference 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
Requirements	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.