



The Wildlife Trust for
**Lancashire
Manchester &
North Merseyside**

Role Description

Volunteer Warden – Hive at 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 HIVE Volunteer Warden?

This is a roaming role, where you'll do both patrolling and taking care of the site. You will be one of the main people visitors see in The Hive, a friendly face, able to say hello and make people feel welcome. Good customer service skills will be needed when engaging with people, as you'll act as an information point should they have questions, or know where to point them. Contributing to people having a great day and keeping on top of the site looking its best are key to this role.

What's in it for you?

- Be part of a fun and friendly site, gaining experience in an outdoor environment with a large and well-known conservation charity.
- Opportunity to get a change of scenery and fresh air whilst connecting with others.
- Feel good factor from giving your time/being involved, plus satisfaction from being in an attractive outdoor setting.
- Gain confidence and have social interactions with a wider 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?

Your day will start with a morning walk around, opening any of the smaller garden gates within the Hive, and walk around at the end of the day closing the smaller garden gates.

Check paths and deal with accordingly. This may involve sweeping of leaves or twigs and composting, or spreading of salt if icy.

Cutting back of nettles that encroach on paths or around natural play areas and compost.

Looking out for and chopping any low branches.

Report on anything that you see broken whilst doing your round and remove any litter (there's unlikely to be any as visitors are generally very respectful) and monitor the front bin.

Check on water play on the hour and every 30 minutes in-between and fill up accordingly.

Replenish materials, i.e. sticks in the musical nature garden.

Dig over mud pit as this can become hard and flat in the rain or dry up in heat, making sure the mud pit area and outdoor kitchen are reasonably organised.

Make sure equipment can be found in the right place and help to tidy away again at the end.

Happy to participate in other site tasks at busier times of the year.

This role will suit people who;

- Have a passion for the outdoors, environment and nature and not mind being outdoors in all weathers.
- Are able to follow set tasks but also use your initiative spotting other things that might need doing. Must be able to do things independently.
- Are trustworthy and reliable with a high level of punctuality.
- Are reasonably fit and healthy, as you'll be active and on your feet for longer periods of time.
- Able to engaging with members of the public at times when they may have questions, or point them to the right place.
- Are happy to help with other tasks during very busy or quieter times i.e. putting up special occasion props.

Extra information

Your place	The Hive behind the cafe, Moss Bank Park, Bolton.
Time commitment	Available on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Spring to Autumn time.
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Charlotte Yates, cyates@lancswt.org.uk 07596 888335
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Role specific training/shadowing Health and Safety Training Access to LWT learning opportunities and Volunteer Conference After induction, eligible to apply for internal vacancies
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.