

Volunteer Role Description

Tree team (Tuesday)

The Tree Team manage and maintain Westonbirt's unique collection of internationally important trees and shrubs. This volunteer role provides an opportunity to help us care for the living collection and historic landscape. You will also learn new skills and practices whilst being closely involved in the team's remedial programme and seasonal tasks.

When

- ❖ The team meets every week on a Tuesday, from 10am until 4.30pm including a tea break and lunch break.
- ❖ This role is reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.

What's involved?

- ❖ General arboretum and grounds maintenance carried out to National Arboretum standards.
- ❖ A wide variety of individual specimen plant health care: weeding; dead-wooding; cage repairs; mulching; planting; un-established checks.
- ❖ Accurately following both written and verbal instruction, and keeping accurate records.
- ❖ Safe operation of some vehicles and equipment.
- ❖ Volunteers use a variety of hand tools, but will not operate power tools (including chainsaws).

We'd like you to

- ❖ Have a willingness to get stuck in, learn, good attention to detail, enjoy being part of a small team, and be happy to get involved in outdoor tasks year round.
- ❖ Practical experience / knowledge of working in horticultural / arboriculture, including current safe working practices, would be useful.

We will

- ❖ Provide new starter training and ongoing help and guidance.
- ❖ All tools and equipment are provided, with appropriate instruction given – volunteers cannot use any power tools.
- ❖ Appropriate personal protective equipment is provided; you will need to supply your own safety boots or we have a selection of steel toe capped Wellingtons to borrow for the day.
- ❖ On-site radios carried for communication purposes.
- ❖ Manual handling training is provided.
- ❖ A common room is available for lunch.
- ❖ Pay a contribution to the cost of volunteering travel.

Please send your application to us

By email at volunteer.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk or by post to Alice Chadwick, Westonbirt, The National Arboretum, Tetbury GL8 8QS

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering-westonbirt-the-national-arboretum>

