

# Litter picking Volunteer Description

**Name of Site:** Delamere

**Date(s):** Early 2022 onwards

## About us

Forestry England is a part of the government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and is tasked with the sustainable management of the Public Forest Estate for timber, recreation, and wildlife.

Central England Forest District (CEFD) manages the public forest estate in the midlands and Northwest. This is a very significant area, from Milton Keynes in the south, to Hull in the east and the Mersey Belt in the North West.

The Central Forest District has responsibility for the management of some 30,000ha of the Nation's Forests within a triangle formed by Liverpool, Hull, and Milton Keynes. This gives rise to a large diversity of users, customers, neighbours, and pressures, all of which are interacting on a varied backdrop of land uses. With 6 Forest Centres, 3 community woodland areas and 200 plus woodland blocks in CEFD we can provide a unique range of benefits to a huge number of people - over 3 million visitors per annum.

## Role description

The primary role of the Litter picking volunteer is to pick up litter along pre-agreed routes in and around Forest visitor centres. You will work with the local team to ensure the woodland is kept free of litter and can be enjoyed safely by everyone.

We have over 25km of trails around Delamere and we aim to keep these areas neat and tidy for our visitors to enjoy, therefore we are looking for volunteers who have an interest in being active whilst helping to improve the site for everyone including the wildlife who are resident in the forest.

## When?

During opening hours of the woodland you choose to volunteer in. We are not expecting you to litter-pick for a whole day, maybe up to 2 hours at any one time would be of great assistance to your local woodland.

If you can offer a longer shift or can help at a different time in addition to any core times agreed, please keep us up to date with this information.

## What's involved?

The primary duty of all Litter picking volunteers is to collect litter from along the trails. The following will apply to this role:

- Outdoor work in most weathers.
- Checking pre-agreed routes, picking up litter left along the trail.
- Respect other site users and offer a smile and friendly greeting.

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- Let the site team know the location of:
  - fly-tipping.
  - large litter items not able to fit in a waste bag.
  - sharps or hazardous waste.
  - other site issues e.g., obstruction on the path.

At a Forest Centre most of the litter picking volunteering is provided in and around the Visitor Centre and the main trails, although there may be times when it's required elsewhere on-site dependent on need e.g., at Forestry England events.

## We'd like you to

- Have a reasonable level of fitness to work outdoors
- Be willing to work outdoors
- Have a friendly personality and enjoy meeting people
- Be punctual to all shifts
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Have good communication skills
- Be reliable, patient, and keen to share your enthusiasm
- Help share Forestry England's messages and information about the local Forest and the surrounds

## We will

- Provide a volunteer registration and induction prior to your first day
- Provide appropriate training
- Provide support and briefing at the start of your shift
- Provide volunteer PPE and equipment
- Provide you with a volunteer mentor who you can talk to and give feedback to at anytime
- Provide you with free vehicle admission on your volunteer days
- Support you on your volunteering journey

## Who to contact?

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please complete the application form and send to [delamere@forestryengland.uk](mailto:delamere@forestryengland.uk)

For more information about volunteering with Forestry England please visit [www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering](http://www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering)

**Thank you for considering volunteering with Forestry England**