



Forestry England

York Community Woodland

Volunteer Litter Picking Trail Stewards

Location: York Community Woodland, Moor Lane, YO26 6QZ

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Volunteer Litter Picking Trail Steward Role Description

About us

Forestry England is the government department in England responsible for protecting, expanding and promoting the sustainable management of woods and forests and increasing their value to society and the environment.

We manage more land and trees than any other organisation in England. We provide hundreds of car parks, maintain thousands of miles of trails, and plant millions of trees. We are the largest supplier of homegrown, sustainable timber in England. We're able to share and care for amazing places and incredible wildlife because of the timber we produce.

We have to raise most of the money needed for this work ourselves, with less than 10% of our funding coming from government. As you can see, we're doing a lot. And it's thanks to your support.

York Community Woodland is one of Forestry England's newest visitor facilities, officially opened in summer 2024 having being planted the few years prior. People typically visit York Community Woodland to enjoy new growing woodland and walk around the forest roads and enjoy a slice of peace just outside of the hustle and bustle of the city centre.

Role Description

Your primary responsibilities include patrolling the car park, Bell Wood, picnic area and Forest roads to keep them tidy and litter free. While on patrol you will note any issues around the site and report non urgent concerns at the end of your patrol. More urgent problems will be reported back straight away via a phone call to the District Office. You will be working in public areas and be a point of contact and engagement with visitors who may ask questions about the forest, facilities on site and what Forestry England do. You will contribute to the overall enrichment of the visitor experience while caring for the forest.

Where?

Majority of work will be carried out in and around York Community Woodland - which will be your reporting location, however, it may be necessary or desirable to undertake tasks in other near by forests.

When?

- Whenever you're available, this role is flexible, you will sign up for a week on our system and make your visit within that window.
- We would ask for a commitment of at least one visit per month where possible.

What's involved?

In this role, you will keep the forest tidy while having the opportunity to engage with visitors so that everyone is welcome and recreational facilities are well maintained. Here's a snapshot of your responsibilities:

- be the face of Forestry England: you'll be a visible and welcoming presence.

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- Maintain a safe, tidy and enjoyable community woodland through litter management.
- Promote responsible behaviour: deliver appropriate messages about responsible visitor behaviour and direct visitors to the district office phone number or email address if they have any problems.
- Ensure health and safety by reporting any issues spotted around the site or walking trails.
- Follow lone working procedures
- Any other tasks, reasonably requested by your volunteer supervisor.

We'd like you to

- Have a love for the outdoors and be prepared to work in adverse weather conditions
- Have a level of fitness suitable for the task, including moving around the woodland on uneven surfaces.
- Be present and work safely following all instructions/guidelines/procedures
- Be professional and courteous in dealing with other volunteers, staff, stake holders, and members of the public
- Enjoy working as part of a motivated team
- Partake in training relevant to the tasks involved.
- To attend a task at least once every six months minimum.

We will provide

- Supervision and support with a brief and safety talk
- Volunteer personal protective equipment and clothing as needed
- Tools and equipment
- Volunteer benefits package

Training appropriate to the role:

- Volunteer Induction
- Manual handling
- Safeguarding
- Fire Awareness
- Security and Data Protection
- Ticks and Lyme Awareness

First aid and other training may be required if you choose to take on additional volunteer roles or responsibilities.

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How to apply

Complete an online Expression of interest <https://public.forestryengland.uk/EOI/>

On Question 1 type the forest: **York Community Woodland**

On question 2 write the volunteer role: **Litter Picking Trail Steward**

Further opportunities

For more information about volunteering at different Forestry England sites please visit our website: www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering