



## Volunteer Role Description

The Box Moor Trust manages approximately 500 acres of land in and around Hemel Hempstead. The estate has a variety of habitats and facilities for local people to enjoy, as well as a wealth of wildlife, including some locally rare species. Volunteers work alongside Box Moor Trust staff in almost all aspects of managing the estate, such as working with the livestock used to graze the meadows, carrying out habitat management work such as removing scrub, or assisting with running community engagement sessions such as guided walks and school visits.

**Volunteer Role:** Weekend Conservation Volunteer

**Area of work:** Habitat and Estate Management

**Lead contact:** Karen Poore, Environmental Awareness and Community Senior Ranger

**Time Commitment:** Weekend Volunteer sessions run on the second Sunday of each month from 9:30am to 1:30pm. There is no requirement to commit to a certain number of sessions or hours – volunteers can come to as many or as few as they like, and work for as long as they like on those days. Ideally you would attend the full session as this helps with task completion and logistics. Duke of Edinburgh students will be required to attend at least three full sessions of 4 hours to meet their minimum volunteer hour commitment.

**DBS check required:** No

## Role Purpose

To support the Estates Team in managing the Box Moor Trust estate by carrying out practical work in a range of different habitats

## Tasks and Activities

Including but not limited to:

- Scrub removal
- Removing invasive species
- Strimming roadsides and kissing gates
- Weeding
- Hedge laying
- Tree planting
- Tool maintenance
- River restoration work

## Personal Qualities and Experience needed

- Enthusiastic about wildlife and nature conservation
- Happy to work outside in all weathers
- Enjoy working as part of a team

## What you will gain

- Opportunity to develop practical skills in habitat management and estate management
- Learn about conservation in a semi-urban environment
- Have fun and meet new people
- Exercise while enjoying nature
- Understanding of the day-to-day running of the Box Moor Trust
- Experience relevant to this role and a reference for future employment
- Invitation to social activities including the annual Volunteers Summer BBQ and Christmas party

**Useful information:**

- Uniform is provided after attendance of a few sessions, including provision of either a pair of safety boots or safety wellies
- All tools and PPE are provided for this role
- Please bring a packed lunch and any refreshments you may need
- Training opportunities may include tool use, brushcutter, chainsaw, tractor driving, first aid and other training that would support you in fulfilling this role
- Duke of Edinburgh Students may attend with a guardian