



Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum

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Volunteering



There are lots of ways to get involved at Queenwood and Bodenham Lake whether sharing your knowledge in the visitor centre, getting your hands dirty with the ranger team or helping to organise fun events.



Oral History Volunteers

Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum are looking for Oral History Volunteers to support the Queenswood Heritage Gateway Project.

As a Queenswood Oral History Volunteer, you will learn how to conduct oral history interviews with people who have a connection with Queenswood. These might be people who live nearby, people who have special memories of the park or people who've worked here; staff, conservationists, contractors and many more. You will be involved in recording their stories and creating a new oral history archive which will capture the unwritten history of the country park for generations to come. You will receive accredited training and on-going support from Julia Letts, an accredited trainer for the Oral History Society, and you will be part of a small, committed volunteer team who will help create the audio trail.

Contact details:

Rose Farrington, Queenswood Heritage Gateway Project Officer
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Application deadline: Sunday 2nd September 2018

Archive Volunteers

Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum are looking for Archive Volunteers to support the Queenswood Heritage Gateway Project. Working with heritage partners Herefordshire Archive & Records Centre, Leominster Museum and Hereford Museum and Art Gallery, you will be part of a team of volunteer archivists working to collate images, text and other materials relating to Queenswood and Dinmore Hill throughout the ages. You will receive training and on-going support from a trained archivist and you will be part of a small, committed volunteer team working on this project.

Application deadline: 2nd October 2018

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Volunteer Gardeners

Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum is a busy site welcoming thousands of visitors each year. The site is managed by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, whose offices are based at the site, in partnership with New Leaf Sustainable Development.

It is important that the main visitor areas of the site are as attractive and welcoming as possible so we are recruiting a small team of volunteers to help maintain our landscaped and planted features.

We are supported by Lyonshall Nurseries who give advice on design and planting so the role also offers the opportunity to learn new skills.

From autumn 2018, we are creating a wellbeing garden at Queenswood which may offer more opportunities for involvement from the volunteer gardeners if **desired**.

Application deadline: open

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Visitor Centre Volunteers

We often have vacancies for volunteers to assist with running our shop and visitor centre at Queenswood: welcoming visitors, providing information, guidance about the Country Park and Bodenham Lake, and serving shop customers.

We are seeking volunteers with confidence in speaking to the general public, a passion for wildlife, and an interest in sustainable living. You will be available to answer visitors' questions about the sites and help them discover more each time they return. You will be key to educating visitors about the history of Queenswood and Bodenham Lake, including our ongoing habitat management work and visitor development. Training to share this knowledge will be provided.

A minimum commitment of 3 hours per week is required

Previous experience in a similar role would be useful but is not a requirement of the role as full training will be given

Multiple roles are available.

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Visitor Experience Volunteers: outdoor and practical tasks

Multiple roles available at both Queenswood Country Park and Bodenham Lake.

Main tasks:

- Sharing your enthusiasm and passion for the site with visitors, creating a welcoming atmosphere and directing visitors around the site

- Ensuring all gates, signs and fences are in good repair, reporting any damages to the site staff or Estates Manager
- Ensuring the site and car park is kept free of litter
- Walking the paths around the site to check their condition and check all route markers and signage are in good repair
- Ensuring all temporary posters and notices are relevant, neatly displayed and in date.

Additional or optional tasks

- Assisting at events, workshops and walks
- Assisting the Reserves Officer with any additional tasks

Contact details:

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Family & Education Volunteers

A fantastic opportunity for volunteers to help run our programme of activities and events including forest School, WildPlay and Wildlife Watch at Queenswood Country Park and Bodenham Lake. Get involved, and help connect children to nature in Herefordshire!

The bulk of commitment will be during the school holidays, with a particular emphasis on the Easter and summer holiday seasons.

As this role is working with children and young people, all successful applicants will be required to complete a full DBS check. Training for event management and managing groups of children will be provided. All applicants must be 18 years old or above.

If you are able to commit to help with running our events for children, then please do get in touch, preferably by email. Please provide information on any relevant experience you may hold, although applications will be accepted from individuals with no prior direct experience.

Contact details:

Kate Broad, Engagement Officer, Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

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Practical Conservation Volunteer

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's practical work parties carry out habitat management tasks at Queenswood and Bodenham Lake, as well as at our other nature reserves across Herefordshire. Ideally we need volunteers who can commit regularly on a monthly basis. If you feel you are able to help, then please do get in touch via the details below.

Please provide information on any relevant experience you may hold, although applications will be accepted from individuals with no prior direct experience.

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