



**Lancashire,
Manchester &
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Role Description

Christmas or Halloween Volunteer–

The Hive, Moss Bank Park

About the Lancashire Wildlife Trust

We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you. The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage.

About the Role/Project

Moss Bank Park and in particular The Hive, is a magical escape for families. Together a series of unique gardens, outdoor spaces, park features and café set in 84 acres of green space, makes the park one of the best in Bolton. We are able to encourage further visitors thanks to a funding bid supporting further volunteer participation and the opportunity to create wider engagement roles.

What is a Weekend Family Event Volunteer?

If you like special times of the year but don't want to commit to a regular role then read on. We have a number of volunteering opportunities to help out at special occasions such as Christmas or Halloween. Your role will support themed outdoor engagement activities offered by the Wildlife Trust here at the Hive – ticketed events mainly for families with young children. Your responsibilities will include ensuring that all families are made to feel welcome, assist with a range of tasks including helping people understand what to do, encourage participation, hand out and gather resources at the end. And for those who want to, you can have the chance to get fully immersed into the event theme in fancy dress. This is obviously not obligatory to the role but is something that budding actors may enjoy.

What's in it for you?

- Be part of a fun and friendly team gaining experience at one of Bolton's flagship parks, whilst furthering your knowledge with young children and families.
- This is an opportunity to get a change of scenery and fresh air whilst connecting with others after being 'stuck in' for what feels like a long time.
- Spend time doing something you enjoy, being part of a fun and rewarding day.
- Share understanding, learn or have a go at something new/take part in training.
- Feel good factor from giving your time/being involved, plus satisfaction engaging children in an outdoor setting at exciting times of the year.

- Gain confidence and have social interactions with a wide range of people.
- In addition, you will gain experience that can support you in other areas of life, such as combatting loneliness, future career.
- An opportunity to attend seasonal volunteer outdoor gatherings and 20% discount at Cotswold.

What's involved?

Working alongside staff throughout the event, tasks will include meeting and greeting, directing people from the café, managing a craft station, letter writing, supporting marshmallow toasting activities, dressing as elves, or other similar seasonal activities. You and a staff member will help to set up beforehand, and tidy away again at the end. There will be lots of interaction and enthusing children/families, making it an enjoyable experience for all at some of the most exciting times of the year.

This role will suit people who;

Someone who can't make a long-term commitment to volunteering but who wants to make a valuable contribution. A lively person, good with children and with a fun, enthusiastic and friendly nature, keen on making outdoor experiences extremely memorable. Must enjoy outdoor activities and not mind volunteering in all weathers. Able to use initiative as well as following the direction of the event's project officer, and happy doing either. Have or want to gain experience in working with children and families, plus happy mixing with people from wide ranging backgrounds. A trustworthy and reliable person with good time-keeping skills and liking to organise are also essential to this role.

Extra information

Your place	The Hive behind the cafe, Moss Bank Park, Bolton.
Time commitment	A Saturday and/or Sunday twice a month in the lead up to Xmas.
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Charlotte Yates cyates@lancswt.org.uk 07596 888335
Training/Resources	Fast track induction as you will always work alongside experienced officers and volunteers with this role.
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £5 per day
Requirements	Completion of Volunteer Registration Form Informal Interview Two references Complete initial induction and relevant further training.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.