



Volunteer Role Summary

Equine Ranger Volunteer – Arlington Court

The Equine team at Arlington Court is responsible for all the ponies on the estate, including the Shetland ponies and Exmoor ponies. Their work ranges from general care and management of the ponies and their field and stables, as well as training and working with the ponies to deliver visitor experiences and work on the estate, all of which varies throughout the seasons.

By getting involved, you could...

- Spend your days actively with the ponies outdoors and occasionally in the historic working stables.
- Help with all aspects of pony management, including field management and pony welfare.
- Help to deliver an exciting programme of practical working horse tasks and demonstrations across about 1000 acres of beautiful land on the Arlington estate.
- Use your passion for horses and share your knowledge with visitors.
- Work alongside passionate equine professionals, learning new skills along the way.
- Join a friendly, varied team and make new friends.

What's involved?

To assist the Equine Ranger with all aspects of her role including;

- Basic health and welfare of all the Arlington ponies – from basic checks and grooming, to administering worming or other medication as required.
- Help with any field management work as required, including poo picking, fencing and weed control.
- assist with harnessing up and working with the ponies around the estate and exercising the ponies.
- manage the stables to keep them clean, tidy, safe and welcoming for visitors and horses including providing feed and water, mucking out and following the Trust's Health and Safety procedures and policy.
- help with and deliver demonstrations with the ponies in the National Trust Carriage Museum/stables area.
- learn more about Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum, its history, nature and present work.
- undertake training as required for the role and learn new skills.
- undertake any other stable related task as reasonably expected by the Equine Ranger.

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This role will suit you if you are ...

- Interested in horses, especially working horses.
- Reasonably fit and healthy – this role does not require you to be Bear Grylls but there will be a good amount of physical and practical aspects to the work – such as mucking out and working with the ponies around the estate which can involve a lot of walking.
- Keen to work with people and animals.
- Passionate about Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum.
- Looking to follow a career working with horses and gain some work experience – although the role would also suit people with a general interest.
- Available for one day a week.

A typical day might be...

9am - arrive at Arlington for the days briefing with other staff & volunteers.

Head out on the estate to fix some fences or feed and check the ponies before helping with the daily poo picking in the field.

Then help to get one of the ponies harnessed up for some work around the estate.

11am - the visitors will start to arrive. If in the stables you can help them to meet the ponies and find out more about our work.

After lunch, there might be time for a demonstration with the ponies, or maybe the rangers need some brush cleared from the woods using horsepower.

4pm – time to put the ponies back in their field before the end of the day.

Every day is different and there will be lots of hands on time with the ponies.

Extra Information

- We'll help you get to know our ponies, Arlington Court and the National Carriage Museum and how you can help us and how you will work with the rest of the team – with induction and training.
- We provide equipment to help you do this role well and safely.
- You do not need to have any previous experience with horses for this role as all training will be provided.
- We'll also cover agreed costs of your travel between home and Arlington Court.

Find out more

Contact the Equine Ranger Barbara Haddrill on 01271 851118 or email barbara.haddrill@nationaltrust.org.uk for more information.

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