



Volunteer Role Summary

Woodland/Grassland Management – Oxburgh Hall

Oxburgh Hall is set in 30 acres of formal gardens and a further 50 acres of surrounding landscape including woodlands. The woodland volunteer role is key to assisting the Ranger manage Home Covert woodland and undertake a range of practical estate skills where required. This will also include the Wilderness Woodland; My Lady's Wood; The Washpit and Oak Yard meadows - which are an extension of the formal gardens. If you have a keen interest in countryside management, natural history knowledge and are happy to undertake practical conservation tasks, then this is a role for you.

Oxburgh Hall is in a Woodland Grant Scheme and there are plans to fell the poplar and pine within Home Covert over a period of years. Some areas will be under-planted and natural regeneration be allowed to occur in others.

A pole lathe has been constructed in the summer of 2014 and we are also looking for volunteers who have experience in green wood-working to use this to its full potential and assist the team in making use of the timber that we fell in Home Covert.

You will also need to be able to give a warm welcome to our visitors as well as answer any questions they may have about the estate and the National Trust.

By getting involved, you could

- Use your smile and communication skills to help visitors feel at home
- Join an enthusiastic and varied team and make some new friends
- See National Trust properties from a whole new perspective.
- Learn how to use a range of tools and machinery including tractors and strimmers.

What's involved?

- Assisting the ranger in coppicing areas in Home Covert Woodland
- Assisting the ranger in tree felling
- Vegetation Clearance tasks
- Providing wood for the holiday cottage
- Maintaining the wood-store
- Erecting/repairing fences

- Tree planting
- Tree pruning
- Making bird and bat boxes
- Monitoring and maintaining the Den Building Area
- Invertebrate Surveys
- Bird Surveys
- Plant surveys
- Fixed photography
- Upholding the National Trust customer service standards and values and behaviours.

This role will suit you if you are ...

- Someone who loves meeting new people
- Keen to discover what Oxburgh Hall and the Trust as a whole is all about
- Keen on working outdoors and especially in a meadow and woodland environment

Extra Information

- We'll help you get to know Oxburgh Hall, how you can help and how you will work with the rest of the team – with induction and training
- We'll also cover agreed costs of your travel between home and Oxburgh Hall

Find out more

Contact the Outdoors Manager, Helen Gregory on 01366 328926 or the Property office on 01366 328258 helen.gregory@nationaltrust.org.uk

About the National Trust

As Europe's largest conservation charity, we help everyone across England, Wales and Northern Ireland enjoy all sorts of very special places for ever, for everyone.

About Oxburgh

No-one forgets their first sight of Oxburgh. Built in 1482 by the Catholic Bedingfeld family, it is the enduring legacy of their survival through turbulent times. Explore 500 years of history and see how each generation of the family left their mark. Discover the hidden doors, climb inside the secret Priest Hole and enjoy panoramic views from the roof. Exhibitions include needlework made by Mary, Queen of Scots, and colourful wallpapers dating to the mid-1700s.

This is a voluntary role. This role summary isn't legally binding or a contract.

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Outdoors volunteering

Core Role