



The Nature Trail Volunteer Information

About us

The Sherriff Centre is a unique social enterprise and community hub based within St James Church in West Hampstead. We combine business and charity activities to support our local community through a welcoming and inclusive space.

As a social enterprise we run a Post Office, café, children's soft play, events and room hire, with income supporting our charitable work including debt advice, family support and community activities.

We are passionate about creating projects that strengthen community connection, improve wellbeing and make a positive difference locally.

About the project

We are launching an exciting community rewilding and educational nature trail project to transform underused outdoor space around The Sherriff Centre into a vibrant, accessible and biodiverse green environment.

The project will include:

- Wildflower and native planting
- Wildlife habitats including bird, bat and hedgehog shelters
- Insect hotels and pollinator spaces
- A small wildlife pond
- Interactive nature trail features
- Outdoor learning and educational activities

The project aims to:

- Improve biodiversity and local green space
- Support wellbeing and community connection
- Increase environmental awareness and climate literacy
- Create volunteering and skills development opportunities
- Encourage local people to connect with nature

About the volunteer role

We are looking for enthusiastic and community-minded volunteers to help bring this exciting project to life.

This is a hands-on role ideal for anyone interested in nature, gardening, sustainability, community projects or simply spending more time outdoors and meeting new people. No previous experience is required — just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

We are looking for volunteers to take part in the following;

- Giving guided tours to family, nursery or school groups
- Supporting maintenance of the outdoor spaces
- Helping with watering and seasonal gardening tasks
- Helping keep the area safe, welcoming and accessible

We are looking for people who are:

- Enthusiastic and reliable
- Interested in nature, sustainability or community projects
- Happy working outdoors
- Friendly and approachable
- Positive and willing to get stuck in
- Respectful of others and committed to inclusion

No specialist gardening or environmental knowledge is needed, full training and support will be provided.

What volunteers will gain

- Practical experience in community rewilding and environmental projects
- Opportunities to learn about biodiversity and sustainability
- Experience working within a busy community organisation
- Opportunities to meet new people and build confidence
- Volunteer references where appropriate
- Refreshments and café discount during volunteering sessions
- The opportunity to make a visible difference to the local community

Safeguarding

As The Sherriff Centre works with children, families and vulnerable adults, volunteers may be required to undertake a DBS check depending on the nature of their role and level of involvement in activities. Appropriate safeguarding guidance and support will be provided.

Time commitment

We welcome volunteers who can help regularly or occasionally. Volunteer sessions may take place on weekdays, weekends and during school holiday activities.

How to apply

To express an interest in volunteering, please contact:

hello@thesherriffcentre.co.uk

Please tell us a little about yourself, your interests, and your availability.