

Volunteers – information and overview

What is required : we need people to help us carry out tasks that are required to keep the site ticking over and safe for all. You don't need to have any special skills, but any previous experience is very welcome.

How much time: whatever you can contribute, not all volunteer jobs are physical and on site, some are admin and can be done at home.

What is the process: you tell us what you are interested in, we let you know what the current list is of volunteer jobs , and you can pick and choose and try out what you enjoy most.

Timings : once you have decided to join us, we would ask how much time you have and if you have any preference on what to be involved in.

What are work parties and task days: gathering of various plot holders to carry out site tasks, such as clearing plots, repairing fencing, weeding the common areas, fixing site tracks. Any volunteer can do these we just ask you keep us informed so we can update the list.

What are planned works : these are more specific planned works that are required on site, usually one off and coordinated with the site and lettings officer.

What happens if I don't enjoy it : that's fine we just ask if you are doing any admin tasks that you give us 1-2 months warning if possible and a list of urgent task so we can pick up or re distribute.

Who can volunteer : any member can be a volunteer. Associate Members and people on the waiting list can join our work parties and task days for site maintenance and repairs. We just ask you let a member know you are coming. It's a great way for them to get a taste of the allotment life and meet some members.

Sample volunteer items.

- Shop & Stock take
- Book keeping
- Website updates
- FB update & Instagram updates
- Poster update
- Clearing rubbish of site
- Common area maintenance (Lupin gdn, Nature reserve, orchard area)
- Helping with bonfires
- Manuals and other doc updates
- Responding to general enquiries
- Updating site plan
- Plants maintenance – polytunnel
- Updating friends of Bishopthorpe lists
- Keep volunteers updating of jobs on go
- Checking collective Sharehouse donations