



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Maintenance Volunteer**

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**Why do we need you?**

At WWT we shape unforgettable experiences. Castle Espie has an amazing living collection, grounds and reserve. It has a lot of infrastructure which requires regular maintenance. By volunteering your time with this small group you will be helping to ensure that Castle Espies grounds are maintained to the highest standards for our visitors. We use resources creatively to maximum effect which is why we need enthusiastic and hardworking people to help with these projects.

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**Who will be responsible for your role?**

Grounds & Facilities Manager

**Where will you be based?**

Castle Espie Centre

**How much time will it take?**

1 or 2 days per week, Monday – Friday with an 8.30. to 9.30 start

We will mutually agree the hours that you can contribute and it would be helpful if you could try to give us as much notice as possible on the occasions when you are not able to contribute those hours.

**What will you be doing?**

- Assisting with construction and maintenance work, as well as carrying out simple tasks unsupervised following suitable training.
- Maintaining hides.
- Repairing fences and paths.
- Cleaning windows
- Carrying out minor horticultural work.
- Carrying out Health & Safety checks.
- Painting and treating timber fences, picnic benches, seats, hides etc.

**Who are we looking for?**

- Practical DIY experience is essential.
- A reasonable level of fitness is necessary.
- Willing to work in all weathers.
- Ability to work as part of a team or alone as required.

- Joinery & painting skills are particularly useful.

### How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site.
  - Suitable uniform is provided to all regular volunteers.
  - Discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.
  - Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.
  - Training opportunities will be provided.
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### General notes:

This position may require helping out on other days in addition to rota days but this will be infrequent and will be agreed with your head of department and will be subject to your availability.

Castle Espie is located in a rural area approximately 3 miles from Comber so there is no public transport directly to the centre. You will therefore need to have your own transport to get to the centre.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

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