

DIY volunteers are needed for Plumgarths Garden, Kendal

Location: Cumbria Wildlife Trust Head Office, Crook Road, Kendal LA8 8LX

About Cumbria Wildlife Trust

As one of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts, we are a local wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife

Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect

wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support 1 in 4 people to take local action for wildlife.

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of 700 active volunteers, over 15000 members and supporters.

What is a DIY volunteer?

Do you enjoy hands-on projects and working with wood? We're looking for DIY-minded volunteers to help maintain and improve Plumgarths Gardens. Tasks include repairing our pond boardwalk, restoring benches, building a welly boot rack, and creating essential structures for our tree nursery—such as raised beds, cold frames, and workbenches.

No formal carpentry experience is required, but confidence with tools and DIY skills are. Your practical ability, guidance, and ideas will be invaluable in shaping a space that supports both people and nature. We provide the materials, space, and tools—you bring your skills and enthusiasm!

What will you do as a Reserves Ambassador?

- Attend for half a day, up to two days per week
- Respond to the needs of the gardener, repairing and making things for Plumgarths garden
- Support the development of the tree nursery
- Work around other volunteers in the garden, and potentially offer support

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team at Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- Health and wellbeing benefits by making new friends and making a difference in your local community
- Being at the heart of work to develop the site for nature and support the growth of trees for the Skiddaw project
- Early knowledge of developments around the site and other opportunities
- Access to training

Health and Safety

DIY can involve some level of risk and our staff will work with you, taking any necessary precautions to minimise this risk. As a volunteer, we'll ensure you are fully trained and it will be your responsibility as a volunteer to comply to Trust policies and safety procedures in practice.



This will include:

- First aid training
- CWT and Site induction
- Site risk assessments and health and safety training, including lone working options if necessary
- All necessary tools, equipment and resources provided in a good working order
- PPE provided

We recommend that any volunteers taking part in conservation work have an up-to-date tetanus jab.

Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who is practical and able to problem solve. The site can be sociable and it offers the chance to be part of a community, though there is the option to work at quieter times. It would especially suit those with:

- Reasonable level of physical fitness
- Aged 16 or over
- Willingness to work outdoors
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Confident communicating with others
- Ability to listen and follow instructions
- Awareness and understanding of risk in relation to tools and practical work
- Ability to comply to all policies and procedures put in place

Additional Skills

Previous experience of training in practical conservation work is not required for this role but if you do have any of the following or any other previous experience or skills that would benefit our volunteer group, please let our reserve officer know:

- Previous practical conservation work experience
- A valid first aid certificate (please provide certificate)

Extra information

Your place	Plumgarths garden
Time commitment	Half a day up to twice a week
Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Alcroft Tel no: 07436 657653 volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact (if different)	Izzy Sharpe IzzyS@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Training/Resources	First aid Volunteer induction Risk assessment training
Other Requirements	

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract