

A group of approximately 15 Groundwork employees are posing for a photo outdoors. They are standing behind a cardboard doghouse that has a grey shingle roof. The employees are dressed in casual outdoor attire, including jackets and jeans. In the background, there are trees, a green tent, and some storage containers. The overall atmosphere is positive and community-oriented.

GROUNDWORK EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

ABOUT WINTER VOLUNTEERING

Groundwork is a federation of charities working both locally and nationally to transform lives in the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

With the help of employee volunteering teams, we have made a positive impact in over 60 different communities so far this year alone. Volunteers have got their hands dirty getting stuck into transformative outdoor projects to benefit local people.

But there is still so much more we can do throughout the colder months to continue supporting these communities.

This winter, our employee volunteering programme is built around three key themes: **Warm Homes for Wildlife**, **Connecting Communities**, and **Restoring and Rewilding**.

Whether you wrap up warm and tackle an outdoor project or keep cosy with one of our indoor opportunities, you and your team can make a real difference in the communities where you live and work.

***Please note:** all volunteering opportunities are dependent on local Groundwork delivery and requirements. Standard Groundwork Corporate Volunteering rates apply. Please enquire to find out what options are available in your area.*

GET IN TOUCH

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WHERE WE WORK



WARM HOMES FOR WILDLIFE

During winter, many animals are hibernating, have migrated, or are less active - making it the perfect time for volunteers to support us with habitat creation and improvement projects. This ensures minimal disturbance to nesting birds and other sensitive species while helping to prepare the environment for the active seasons ahead.

Join us for an **Indoor Habitat Creation Workshop**, where your volunteer team will be welcomed into one of our community spaces and guided by a trained Groundwork Facilitator to build your very own wildlife habitat from scratch.

Depending on local biodiversity needs, you might create:

- > Bird boxes
- > Bug hotels
- > Bat hideouts
- > Hedgehog houses

Your creations will either be donated to local greenspace projects or you'll be invited to take them home to install in a garden or community space as part of our **Backyard Biodiversity** initiative.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

At Groundwork, we work with people facing multiple challenges and in places where social infrastructure and economic opportunities are limited.

This winter, we're inviting corporate volunteer teams to join us in supporting local communities - helping to build connections, boost wellbeing, and provide practical support where it's needed most.

Join us for an **indoor volunteering session**, where your team will spend the day in one of our community spaces contributing to meaningful local projects.

Depending on local needs, your team could get involved in activities such as:

- **Building Little Libraries** and donating books for local community spaces
- **Creating Festive Wreaths** to donate to local people and projects
- **Painting and Decorating community spaces** to make them brighter and more welcoming
- **Craft and Artwork Projects** for donation to local initiatives
- **Packing Winter Care Packages** for vulnerable residents
- **Organising and Donating Winter Warm Clothes** through community clothes banks

Your participation will directly support local people through the colder months.



RESTORING AND REWILDING

At Groundwork, we help people and places thrive by connecting communities with nature. Our green space projects improve access to the outdoors and boost biodiversity - protecting the planet while bringing people together.

While the warmer months are our busiest time for outdoor volunteering, winter is actually the best time of the year for conservation. It's the perfect season to lay the groundwork for healthier ecosystems in the year ahead, where small actions have a lasting impact.

Depending on local green space projects in need of support, your team can play a hands-on role in supporting local environments through activities such as:

- **Conservation works** to restore and enhance green spaces
- **Practical tasks** like tree felling, pond improvements, and invasive species control
- **Community green space improvements** to improve outdoor spaces for local people

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT

For people in deprived communities across the UK, winter means one thing only – being cold in their homes.

You have the power to support more people who are currently facing a devastating choice between heating or eating to manage their future energy bills. Our Green Doctor energy efficiency advice service is there to help people in need.

People like Winifred, 79, who was living with a chronic lung condition and struggling to stay warm in her damp home. A Green Doctor visit led to urgent repairs, energy-saving advice, and help using her new heat pump and solar panels.

Now, with lower bills, a warmer home, and vital repairs in progress, Winifred finally feels the difference.



“The Green Doctor service is top-notch. My legs are finally warm... something I’ve not felt in a while.”

Can you give the gift of warmth this winter?

£30

can buy a warm pack with hats, gloves, blankets and hot water bottles to help a single parent and child keep out the cold.

£50

can pay for energy saving measures, such as radiator foils, draught proofing and LED bulbs for three households in poverty.

£200

can fund an entire Green Doctor home visit - including tailored advice and energy saving measures.

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