



# Corporate Volunteering at Groundwork Northamptonshire

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# An introduction to Groundwork Northamptonshire

Groundwork Northamptonshire is built on the concept of community development, involvement and inclusion, this is evident in our mission statement highlighted below and runs throughout everything we do.

Wherever you are born or live, everyone should have the right to access the same chances, this is the belief that Groundwork has been built upon. With equality and inclusion at our core, we bring the people of Northamptonshire together through a number of green and creative projects. All this is underpinned by an exceptional Youth Work programme, with Groundwork supporting more than 1,000 children and young people every year.

*Through our range of initiatives, which include Green Patch, Made with Many and Youth Work, we ensure everyone can access and enjoy green spaces, live a life filled with culture and creativity, and get the support they need to manage challenging times. Groundwork is here to make a positive difference to lives - to inspire individuals to strive for more and to empower communities to come together*



# Our Offer

## Your teams can help community projects become a reality now

We help businesses large and small put their corporate responsibility strategies into action by connecting them with communities and helping them build social value into their services. Whether you're looking for a one-off day, a large event or a programme of volunteering events, we have opportunities across the board.

Volunteering days in community projects can help your colleagues give back, boost their skills and build more effective teams. Working together, we can deliver team events that make a tangible impact in communities and build long term links that help grassroots groups benefit from your skills and resources.

We have opportunities for your teams to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in with rewarding and impactful volunteering across numerous projects, including nature reserves, parks, community hubs, schools and care homes, carrying out conservation, gardening, clearing, landscaping and community support.

This teamwork can be the key to making a community project a reality – volunteers achieve more in a day than community groups can achieve in a month without support. Volunteering with Groundwork provides an opportunity to bring your teams together, build the skills of your workforce, and make a real difference.



# Activities at The Green Patch Community Garden

## Example Volunteering Activities

- **Bee Garden Rejuvenation**

Renovation of the bee garden including enhancing the fencing and planting, introducing new raised beds, and creating a seating area for relaxation.

- **Duck Pond Remodelling**

Clearing the overgrowth, lay the new pond liner, and dress with cobbles and pebbles.

- **Compost Bay Enlargement**

Set up a spacious compost bay on-site in preparation for handling the food waste generated during the Shambala festival in August.

- **Permaculture Food Forest Maintenance**

Help weed and maintain our young Food Forest corner, and learn about different approaches to food growing.

- **General Volunteering Tasks**

Help to keep the gardens tidy and beautiful with a range of general maintenance tasks.

## Example Wellbeing Activities

- **Tai - Chi & Yoga Sessions**

Morning and afternoon sessions available.

- **Health Walk & Litter Pick**

A guided wander around the meadows and stream adjacent to the Community Gardens, litter-picking as we walk.

- **Craft Activity**

For those looking for a more relaxed pace, an opportunity to enjoy some crafty painting activities.



Note: the selection of activities shown here are an example only. Activities on offer change continuously according to need, funding streams, and seasonal restraints. Rest assured we will always offer you a broad and varied selection of activities to suit all capabilities.

# Activities at Twywell Hills & Dales Community Nature Reserve

## Example Volunteering Activities

- **Heritage Orchard Enhancement**

Help to freshen-up and beautify our recently planted orchard of regional heritage fruit trees.

- **Grassland Meadow Scrub Clearance**

Assist in the vital task of keeping our treasured calcareous grassland meadows from scrub encroachment.

- **Bioblitz Nature Survey**

Get to know the botany on our Reserve and contribute to citizen science data collation.

- **On-Going Maintenance Tasks**

The reserve requires continuous fence, gates, steps and pathway repairs, to keep our visitors safe.

## Example Wellbeing Activity

- **Walk & Talk**

An opportunity to enjoy a short guided tour of part of the Reserve, and meet our beautiful Highland cows and calves (NB. We cannot guarantee calves will always be on site).



# About Your Day...

We want you to get as much out of your day as what you give back to the community.

Working in teams, you will get to experience the beauty and diversity of our Green Patch Community Garden and Twywell Hills & Dales Community Nature Reserve.

Each team will have the opportunity to partake in practical conservation and community site improvement projects, and also take some time-out for personal wellbeing and pleasure.

Each team will be allocated a first aid trained Team Leader who will remain with you for the day and be on hand for any questions and guidance

Teas, coffees, water and biscuits will be provided throughout the day.

## Toilet facilities, Shelter and Valuables

Toilets provided at both sites. Shelter is available, there will be somewhere for you to leave your belongings at each site.



<b>A</b>	10.30 - 11.00	11.00 - 12.15	12.15 - 12.30	12.30 - 13.00	13.30 - 15.15	15.15 - 15.30
Red Team A	Meet at Twy well Hills & Dales	Heritage Orchard enhancement	Travel to Green Patch	Lunch	General Volunteering Tasks	Clean-up & finish
Blue Team A		Bioblitz Nature Survey			Duck Pond Remodelling	
Green Team A		Grassland Meadow Scrub Clearance			Bee Garden Rejuvenation	
All Teams A		Walk & Talk option			Wellbeing options	

<b>B</b>	10.30 - 11.00	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 13.30	13.30 - 13.45	13.30 - 15.15	15.15 - 15.30
Red Team B	Meet at the Green Patch Community Gardens	Bee Garden Rejuvenation	Lunch	Travel to Twy well Hills & Dales	Grassland Meadow Scrub Clearance	Clean-up & finish
Blue Team B		Duck Pond Remodelling			Bioblitz Nature Survey	
Green Team B		General Volunteering Tasks			Heritage Orchard Enhancement	
All Teams B		Wellbeing options			Walk & Talk option	

Example of a typical day plan for corporate volunteering, offering the opportunity to muck-in and explore on both our Community Garden site and our Community Nature Reserve site.

Note: The example shown here is for a group of 100+ plus volunteers, split into 4 groups across the two sites.

# How to Find Us

## Twywell Hills & Dales Community Nature Reserve

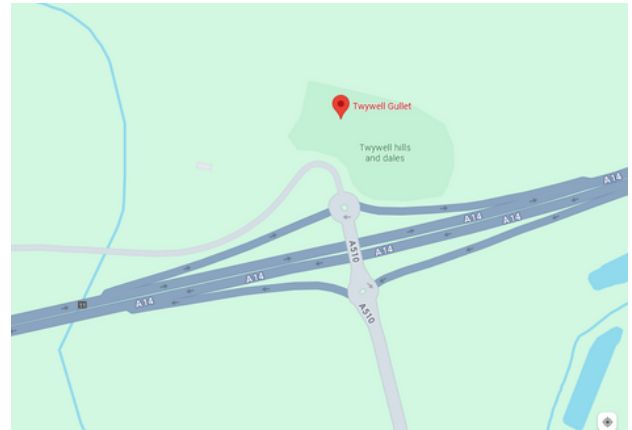
Meet at...

Twywell Hills & Dales Community Nature Reserve  
Cranford/Twywell, Kettering NN14 4DZ

Note: Also referred to as Twywell Gullet on Google Location.

Entrance directly after the roundabout off junction 11 of the A14 (North side, East bound)

**Site Team Lead:** Fred Turtle, Site Ranger  
**email:** ranger.twywell@groundwork.org.uk  
**Mobile:** 07593 442855



## The Green Patch Community Gardens

Meet at...

The Green Patch Community Gardens  
Valley Walk, Kettering NN16 0LU

**Site Team Lead:** Clifford Lambert, Site Coordinator  
**email:** clifford.lambert@groundwork.org.uk  
**Mobile:** 07845 281275

**Parking:** Car parking available at both sites

**Nearest Train Station:** Kettering Railway Station

**Local Taxi:** KLM Taxis 01536 310123 / Premier Taxis 01536 484484



# What to Wear



- Wear clothing that you can move about in but don't mind getting dirty (avoid jeans).
- Wear walking boots or other sturdy (closed-toe) footwear, suitable for walking on uneven ground. Steel-toe safety boots are recommended if you have them, but are not essential.
- Tie long hair back. • Long sleeves are recommended for practical tasks to protect your skin (e.g. from scratches).

- Make sure that you are appropriately prepared for the weather
- Bring a waterproof coat (and trousers if you have them) if it is raining.
- Bring sun cream and a hat if it is sunny.
- Bring extra layers if it is cold.
- Face masks are not compulsory, but you are welcome to wear one.
- Protective gloves will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

## Photography and filming

We will be taking photos and /or filming the fantastic work that you are doing on the day.

Please let us know if you **do not** want to be filmed / have your photo taken.



# Pricing

## Why we charge...

Charities that provide an outlet for corporate social responsibility need to achieve full-cost recovery for the service.

Groundwork Northamptonshire is no different, all our staff work on billable hours and these costs need to be covered. A typical volunteering day involves the following costs:

- Staffing to supervise the activity
- Materials for the volunteers to use
- Admin costs for organising time
- A small donation to the host organisation.

In return, Groundwork Northamptonshire provides a professional, safe, enjoyable and impactful volunteering experience.

## The benefits of volunteering

Our volunteering events are bespoke to the interests of your staff. We can provide one-off experiential days, or a programme of activities linked to the same or different sites.

Volunteers working alongside us, you will be encouraged to get stuck in, to try new skills and to do something out of the ordinary.

The benefits of volunteering for your business and people include:

- Satisfied, motivated and happier staff – employees will feel proud to work for a company that takes their community responsibilities seriously
- Improved internal team relations – the great leveller and a great way to build teamwork away from the office
- Increased ability to attract and retain talent
- Brand awareness and loyalty
- Promotional opportunities and positive PR stories
- Developing long-term relationships with your community, and creating a positive community legacy

# Pricing continued

The fees listed below cover the facilitation services we provide to ensure that you and your team have a rewarding and fulfilling experience. We charge a base rate that includes up to 25 people. Some projects have a larger capacity and can host larger groups, however this will vary by location.

We can also facilitate programmes of volunteering or larger events. The prices listed below may not be applicable to these, so please get in touch if you are interested. An economy of scale will be applied for multiple events.

Base Rate (up to 25 people)	Price Per Additional Person
£1,900 + VAT	£75 + VAT

## What you can expect from us

- A date reserved only for you and your team.
- A thorough 'About Your Day' briefing document, detailing you where you're going,
- What you're doing, and what you need (usually provided a month prior to the event).
- Experienced and friendly staff.
- All the tools and materials needed.
- Health and safety briefing.
- A well run and enjoyable day (weather not guaranteed).
- Impact monitoring information and photos post event.

# The Process

## EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

If a corporate volunteering day sounds like something you would like to get involved with then let us know! Email our Operations Director, Kimberley at [kimberley.lawson@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:kimberley.lawson@groundwork.org.uk)

Once we have received your information, we will reach out to our local partners and check availability. As the volunteering opportunities we provide are bespoke, the more flexible you are in terms of dates and the further in advance you book, the bigger the range of options you will have. We will then come back to you and work together to finalise a date for your day.

## DOCUMENTS

After your date has been confirmed, we will send you the required documents, including Terms and Conditions. Once these have been completed, our team will finalise the arrangements for your day, including project and timings. You will then be sent an About Your Day form with all the details you and your team will need for the day.

Alongside this we will also send a volunteer details form for you to complete so we know who will be there on the day.

## GATHERING FEEDBACK

After your day, we want to hear all about it! We will send out a feedback form for all your volunteers to complete. We will also collect impact data.

## SHARING IMPACT DATA

Once we have received all the feedback, we will be able to compile the data for you. You will receive the statistics from the day ready for internal or external use.