



Woodlands & Water Regular Volunteer

Volunteer Role Description

What does the Centre for Alternative Technology do?

The Centre for Alternative Technology, or CAT as it is affectionately known, aims to inspire, inform and enable people to achieve practical solutions for sustainability and to equip people with the skills, knowledge and understanding to help our society make this change.

We work towards this goal through our graduate school, visitor centre containing interactive displays demonstrating a wide range of sustainable technology, short courses, school and university visits, information service and Zero Carbon Britain reports.

What will you be doing?

As members of the Woodlands & Water Team, Regular Volunteers come in for a day or two a week, helping to manage our woodlands, our off-grid water and sanitation systems and make improvements around site using our natural resources.

This includes:

- Fence and gate building and installing
- Maintaining and improving CAT's off grid water and sanitation systems (e.g. replacing and installing pipes, changing filters, maintaining the reed beds)
- Biodiversity monitoring and surveys
- Tree inspections and maintenance (e.g. side pruning)
- Building and installing bird boxes
- Making charcoal
- Meadow maintenance (e.g. scything, removing bracken)
- Path maintenance
- Cutting firewood & kindling
- Invasive species control (e.g. rhododendron removal)
- Small tree felling
- Assisting with larger tree felling (e.g. snedding)
- Coppicing
- Processing coppice & other woodland products
- Tree planting

What does CAT provide?

- Initial and ongoing training as required.
- Support and direction from a gardening Supervisor.
- An environment in which to develop new and existing skills.
- The opportunity to meet new people.
- Free lunch if volunteering a full day.
- Travel expenses:
 - o Car 40p per mile
 - o Motorbike 24p per mile
 - o Bicycle 20p per mile
 - o Train Total fare
 - o Bus Total fare
 - o Up to a maximum of £16.60 per week.
- 10% off most products in our Café and Shop.
- Discounted Short Courses:
 - o ≥250 hours service = 30% off two courses
 - o ≥500 hours service = 50% off two courses

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for people who:

- Want to make a regular commitment to volunteering at CAT.
- Have experience or are comfortable:
 - o Working outdoors (whatever the weather)
 - o Living with others
- Are enthusiastic and keen to get stuck-in with tasks.
- Are friendly, polite and amenable to others.
- Are reliable and trustworthy
- Will follow their Supervisors instructions and CAT's policies and procedures.
- Have knowledge, interest or a willingness to learn about sustainability and CAT's work.

You will need the following up to date vaccinations and boosters:

- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A

To apply, please fill in our Volunteer Application Form

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