

Guidance for volunteers
in Wakefield's greenspaces

Team away days



Getting out of the office

We offer a wide range of volunteering and sponsorship opportunities for businesses and small organisations keen to improve their local greenspaces. Wakefield has a variety of urban and country parks, woodlands and other greenspaces. We manage 72 countryside sites (including 16 Local Nature Reserves) and over 30 parks, so there is likely to be one near you.

If you would like to take your team out of the office for the day, you could build team dynamics and staff morale by carrying out some practical conservation work and improving greenspaces in your local area. You can be sure that there will always be something that will be of interest to your organisation. We can plan and organise the project for you, carry out a risk assessment, provide insurance cover, provide tools and safety equipment, and supervise your day. All volunteering activities can be tailored to suit your needs.

Volunteering activities

We can offer businesses and small groups a diverse range of volunteering activities, adapted for a range of interests and skills, such as conservation, biodiversity and horticulture.

All of our projects provide sustainable and tangible improvements to the local environment and bring real benefits to local people and our urban wildlife.

Tasks are varied and can include:

- Wildlife conservation and environmental improvements, such as tree planting, woodland and habitat management.
- Parks and small greenspaces management, such as flower planting, bench installation, repainting play facilities and shrub clearance.
- Rights of way maintenance, such as path resurfacing and step construction.

The benefits of volunteering with us

We can help your business to achieve your Corporate Social Responsibility objectives through making real, sustainable improvements to Wakefield's environment. All activities aim to benefit the local environment, local communities and wildlife.

We will provide a fun and safe environment for your staff to explore their potential and to improve their citizenship, work and life skills. Volunteers will work as part of a small team in an outdoor environment where they will experience new challenges and learn new skills, calling on existing skills and abilities such as learning, communication, team work and leadership.

What we provide

We will provide a professionally led, safe, flexible, enjoyable and bespoke volunteering experience for your business. For each volunteering activity we will provide:

- Activity plans
- Risk assessments
- Insurance
- Tools
- Training materials
- Protective clothing and safety equipment
- Supervision from experienced and qualified staff

Donations and sponsorship

While we try to meet the costs of volunteering activities, to ensure these days are sustainable we do ask businesses to assist us by making a donation. Please contact us if you would like to discuss the options.

Any donations or sponsorship from businesses will directly benefit Wakefield's greenspaces and local communities, so even if you are not able to participate directly in volunteering activities you may want to contact us to discuss a donation or sponsorship.

Contact us

To register your company's interest, discuss your company's needs, or for more information contact Wakefield Council via the Call Centre on **0345 8 506 506**.