

## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Volunteer role:</b> Volunteer Community Ranger (VCR)
<b>Location:</b> Bushy Park and/or Richmond Park
<b>Purpose:</b> To engage, inspire and inform members of the public about the wildlife of Bushy Park and/or Richmond Park, with an emphasis on promoting responsible behaviours
<b>Lead contact:</b> Joanna Haywood – Volunteer Officer (VCR)

<b>Description</b>	<p>Bushy Park and Richmond Park are incredibly important sites for conservation. They support a range of rare species including fungi, beetles, bats, birds, wild flowers and ancient trees. They are also home to a well-loved population of fallow and red deer.</p> <p>We are looking to recruit and train a group of Volunteer Community Rangers (VCR). Their main purpose will be to provide a visible presence in the Parks, to engage with visitors and inform them about the Parks, their wildlife, heritage and management. By inspiring and educating the public we hope to increase awareness of the key pressures that the Parks face and promote responsible behaviours.</p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wanting to share their passion for parks and wildlife through engagement, whilst contributing to the protection of these precious parklands.</p>
<b>Key activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be an ambassador for TRP, engaging and inspiring visitors through friendly conversation</li> <li>• Provide information about wildlife and park management</li> <li>• Help be the eyes and ears of TRP; discourage inappropriate behaviours, record key issues and liaise with Park Management and Parks Police when necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Personal attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendly, approachable and enthusiastic – you will be one of the key representatives of the Parks</li> <li>• Confident communication skills with the ability to provide an excellent level of customer engagement</li> <li>• Passion for wildlife, conservation and parks with a desire to share this with others</li> <li>• Knowledge of the Parks or a willingness to learn</li> <li>• Calm and practical in unexpected situations with good common sense</li> <li>• Ability to undertake activities in the outdoors and in all weathers</li> </ul>

<b>Time commitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend three full day training days on Saturday 16 February, Saturday 9 March and Saturday 23 March – <i>if you are unable to make these dates please state this on your application form and we will do our best to accommodate</i></li> <li>• We hope volunteers can commit 1 weekend day per fortnight during the key season (April to October) and additional weekdays where volunteers are available. Sessions will normally last from 10am – 3pm</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit to volunteer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share your passion for parks and wildlife conservation</li> <li>• Spend time outdoors in some of the most attractive and cherished spaces in London</li> <li>• Inspire members of the public and enhance their visitor experience</li> <li>• Help to protect the Parks ensuring they remain in good condition for years to come</li> <li>• Work with a great team of volunteers and have fun!</li> </ul>
<b>Training and support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer induction and training programme</li> <li>• Continuous support and development through a dedicated Volunteer Officer</li> <li>• Uniform and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE)</li> <li>• Reimbursement of reasonable travel and lunch expenses</li> </ul> <p><i>Training sessions will take place in Bushy and Richmond Park</i></p>
<b>Application process</b>	<p>Apply using the <a href="#">application form</a>.</p> <p>Closing date: <b>Sunday 20 January</b></p> <p>Paper forms available on request. <i>You will need to be over 18 years old to carry out this role</i></p>

If you have any questions about this role or to discuss your application please contact:  
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