

Orchard Volunteer

What does the role involve?

Working across the Earth Trust farm, caring for our orchard trees, including the trees planted in our new agroforestry fields. This will involve pruning trees, harvesting fruit, maintaining guards and applying mulch across various orchard areas and in our silvoarable field where we are integrating fruit production into our farming.

Time required: Flexible but we are looking for an initial commitment of 6 days during January - March.

Frequency: Seasonal with more regular days during the autumn and winter.

Tasks: Pruning, weeding, mulching, maintaining guards, harvesting.

Location: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

What skills and experience do you need?

- Practical horticulture or land management experience is helpful but not essential
- Enthusiasm for working outdoors and learning about sustainable land management

What support you will receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook & Safety Guide and are invited to supporter sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers as well as learning and development events across the year. We have limited spaces for training from the Heritage Fruit Tree Company and you will be supported by Earth Trust's land management team where you will have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training. This is a new team we are looking to establish as we are significantly increasing the number of fruit trees on site.

Our community

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteering and Culture Manager, Nicola Frost

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