



Volunteer Role Description

Title: Volunteer Grounds person (Mowing)
Department: Grounds Maintenance
Section Leader(s): Senior Grounds Person and Heritage & Estate Manager

Aims and objectives of the role

A great opportunity has arisen to work within the stunning surroundings of Old Warden Park. Responsible for maintaining the Parkland, paddocks and airfield, you will be assisting the Grounds team to keep the grounds presentable and fit purpose to welcome visitors and host a season of Air Shows & other events.

What will I be doing?

- Keeping the Historic Parkland grass areas mowed and in good order whilst ensuring the heritage trees are protected.
- Maintaining the airfield runway and taxiway including mowing ready for air shows and flying events.
- Keeping the paddocks mowed ready for events and day-to-day visitors at the visitor attractions, including identifying areas to leave or rest, in conjunction with the Senior Grounds Person, to protect the paddocks for future use.
- Mowing areas of the parkland ready for events and weddings
- Carrying out tractor and mower checks and maintenance checks ahead of and after use.

How much time will I be expected to give?

The time commitment for this role varies during the growing season, depending on your availability and the rate of grass growth (weather dependant).
It is likely a weekly commitment will be required during the summer.

Where will I be based?

Shuttleworth, Old Warden, Near Biggleswade, SG18 9EP

What skills, qualities and experience do I need?

- Experience and/or qualifications in tractor driving is essential
- Experience of mowing equipment an advantage
- Previous experience gained in a similar position
- Ability to demonstrate the use of initiative and creativity in resolving problems to satisfactory conclusions
- Ability to work without close supervision and maintain a high quality of work
- Be willing to undertake further training
- Knowledge of machinery relevant to the role
- Be physically able to operate heavy machinery
- Current valid full driving licence

What will I gain from volunteering?

- Contribute to the mission and objectives of the charity
- Maintain skills and experience
- Grow subject knowledge and work alongside likeminded professionals
- Receive on site discounts
- Attend annual social events
- A further suite of benefits are available when joining our friends groups alongside volunteering.