

Southwell Minster – Conservation Volunteers

Volunteer Role Description

Overview

Role Title: **Minster Conservation Volunteer (MCV) and Minster Conservation and Communications Volunteer (MCCV)** *We are looking for creative self-starters who would be excited by the opportunity to help create and develop a new partnership with A Rocha UK (ARUK)*

Reports to: Education Officer

Duration: One year, with the option to extend if mutually satisfactory after a year

Hours: 25 hours a week

Role period: These are new voluntary posts and will be subject to an annual review process.

Location: In Southwell.

Remuneration: This is a voluntary role, with accommodation in Southwell provided by Southwell Minster. A weekly allowance of £50 per intern.

All insurance costs for this role will be covered by Southwell Minster.

Application deadline 10 October 2021. Interviews late October and to start as soon as possible after that.

Please send letter of application and CV to Rachel Doe rachel.doe@southwellminster.org.uk

Purpose of Role/s

The Minster is working in a new partnership with A Rocha UK as part of the national network of Christians working for conservation. This includes partnership on projects such as the Target 25 Initiative to increase by 10% the populations of widespread, but declining species such as the house martin.

The **Minster Conservation Volunteer** will be responsible for:

- Facilitating the development of the exciting new Partners in Action initiative with ARUK.
- Focusing on the outdoor conservation work on the land, recording species with I-Record and developing the partnership with ARUK.
- Liaising regularly with the Partners in Action Coordinator at ARUK on progress.
- Exploring and creating new ideas and working with the Minster community to enthuse and inspire participation with conservation on the Minster estate.
- Supporting the Minster to achieve Eco-Church silver award.

The **Minster Conservation and Communications Volunteer** will be responsible for:

- Working alongside MCV in supporting the development of the new partnership
- Support communication within the Minster Community about conservation e.g. with The Leaves Project, Southwell Minster Environmental Action Group
- Where possible supporting communication in wider community e.g. with Green Southwell Group, Brackenhurst College, Sacrista Prebend Retreat House
- Supporting the Minster to achieve Eco-Church silver award.

Both volunteers would be expected to do regular hands-on conservation work as part of this experience.

Key competencies required

Essential:

- A self- starter with a vision and passion for the natural environment with a desire to make a difference
- Demonstrate knowledge and practical skills around environmental issues and conservation
- The ability to set, plan and deliver short and long term goals
- Excellent communication skills (written and oral) and interpersonal skills
- Evidence of good organisational skills.
- Strong evidence of willingness to listen, learn and work collaboratively with others.
- Computer literate (Microsoft Word, Excel, word and social media). MCCV to have more advanced skills in IT/use of social media
- Christian faith or strongly sympathetic to organisational aims.
- The ability to work on own initiative and manage their own work schedule.

Desirable

- Experience working in conservation projects.

- Creative about engaging people with nature.
- Willingness to learn, be flexible and imaginative.
- A suitable undergraduate degree in environment related subject or educated to degree level or equivalent experience/qualifications
- Some experience of public speaking.
- The ability to engage with all varieties of different groups and organisations, from children to adults.
- Experience of reading, interpreting, analysing, and writing environmental reports.
- Basic theological grasp of environmental and community related issues.