



## **Naturewatch Events Volunteer**

Bathscape is a 5 year landscape partnership project which aims to restore and reconnect people with the natural landscape around Bath. Naturewatch events include nature walks, minibeast hunts and wildlife themed arts and crafts sessions at community events in parks and green spaces around Bath. Bathscape's Naturewatch activities have featured at the Festival of Nature, Wild Days in Parks and other family friendly events throughout the spring and summer. This is a great opportunity for those looking to gain experience of interacting with the public and delivering events.

### **Purpose of the role**

To inspire people to access, enjoy and learn about the landscape setting of Bathscape and Bath's natural heritage through hands on activities and events.

### **Activities and timescale**

With the support of the Bathscape lead partners, you will carry out a range of activities and events throughout the year. You will be able to get involved with the activities that you are most interested in, within the overall Bathscape programme. If you have a particular wildlife skill or interest to share we would welcome this and incorporate it into our Naturewatch programme of activities and events. In addition to helping to lead activities we are looking for people to welcome the public and assist with event preparation and event management on the day.

Activities are seasonal and may include:

- Community events such as our family friendly events in parks across Bath
- Outdoor environmental play and nature themed arts and crafts for children
- Outdoor learning sessions for community groups and schools, including activities like Forest Schools sessions
- Guided nature walks, such as minibeast hunts and bat walks
- Engaging people of all ages in discovering and conserving local wildlife and habitats

We are seeking people who can volunteer to help with Bathscape's events. We are recruiting a team of volunteers to help with Naturewatch events for spring and summer 2020 onwards. Naturewatch events are on an ad hoc basis so this opportunity does not require much time to get involved. To help us coordinate volunteers, please specify your availability on the Bathscape volunteer application form.

### **This role will suit people who**

- Enjoy inspiring people of all ages to conserve nature
- Like representing Bathscape at community events
- Enjoy talking to people and sharing your wildlife knowledge of plants, animals, trees
- Can bring information alive for a wide range of audiences
- Are interested in learning nature craft skills for hands on activities, such as creating bug habitats or building bird boxes
- Want to learn how to guide nature walks
- Enjoy working independently and as part of a team
- Have an interest in the variety of Bathscape's natural heritage
- Have some experience and are happy to lead on activities, or who have no experience and want to learn new skills

### **Benefits of the role**

- This is a sociable role offering a fun, uplifting time speaking to the public
- Make a difference by helping people learn about wildlife and the landscape of Bath
- Develop experience of interacting with the public and delivering events
- Gain practical hands on nature craft skills
- Develop knowledge and experience of facilitating outdoor play and learning sessions
- Have access to training sessions and informal skill sharing. There will also be opportunities for formal training for regular volunteers looking to up-skill
- Be part of a friendly and dedicated team
- In most circumstances, we will cover reasonable travel expenses to ensure that you have access to opportunities
- We can provide a volunteer reference

### **How to apply**

Please complete the Bathscape volunteer application form online, specifying that you are interested in the Naturewatch Events Volunteer role. Alternatively you can email [info@bathscape.co.uk](mailto:info@bathscape.co.uk) to request a volunteer application, or telephone the Bathscape Volunteer Coordinator on 01225 477593.

As you may be volunteering with limited supervision and/or representing Bathscape at public events, please provide the name of person who can provide a reference and comment on your suitability for this volunteering role. We will email you to request the contact details of your referee on receipt of your volunteer application form.

This role is entirely voluntary and therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a contract between us and any agreement can be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment contract to be created either now or any time in the future.