



## Volunteering with Cotswold Lakes Trust

Cotswold Lakes Trust is a charity dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of the Cotswold Water Park for the benefit of wildlife and people. Our key objectives are to improve the Cotswold Water Park by: enhancing its biodiversity, providing recreational opportunities for its local communities and visitors and by providing an educational resource.



The Cotswold Water Park is a stunning wetland landscape with 180 lakes covering 42 square miles, which hundreds of thousands of local people and visitors enjoy every year.

It has received national recognition for its importance for wetland wildlife with thousands of water birds visiting each winter. It is a place that acts as a carbon sink; its reedbeds, woodlands and

wetlands absorbing and storing carbon; a place where people can enjoy this unique natural setting, improving their physical and mental well-being from recreational activities.

The steady increase in visitor numbers gives us a fantastic opportunity for engagement, and this is where our Volunteers come in. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance visitor experience through increased interaction and sharing of information about the Cotswold Water Park, its many leisure activities as well as explaining more about its wildlife and heritage.



Visitor Information Volunteers are in a unique position to inspire and educate the public. The Volunteers also act as the 'eyes and ears' for the Cotswold Water Park and Cotswold Lakes Trust, sharing information on what could further improve the service and visitor experience.

## The Role of Visitor Information Volunteers

Our Visitor Information Volunteers are a welcoming face of the Cotswold Water Park and Cotswold Lakes Trust and provide a friendly greeting by giving helpful, accurate and timely information to visitors and members of the public. We are looking for friendly, polite, enthusiastic and approachable individuals to join our Volunteer Team.

If you love the Cotswold Water Park, have great interpersonal skills and are comfortable meeting all types of people, please get in touch.

### What will you be doing?

Providing a friendly greeting to local residents and visitors and sharing information about the Cotswold Water Park and Cotswold Lakes Trust, its many leisure activities as well as explaining more about its wildlife and heritage.

### What skills will you need?

- Good communication skills and a friendly attitude.
- Knowledge of the local area is an advantage although not essential as full training will be given.

### Where you will be based?

You will be based at the Cotswold Water Park Visitor Centre located next to The Old Boathouse, in the grounds of the De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel in South Cerney.

### How much time will you need to give?

The Visitor Centre is open during weekends and school holidays. You will ideally work a minimum of five hours a month during these times.



### How will you benefit?

We will do our best to ensure that you enjoy your volunteering role with Cotswold Lakes Trust. You will:

- Be part of a team which supports a local charity
- Meet like-minded people
- Enhance your CV and expand your skills

### How to apply

For more information or to apply for the role, please contact [Davina.Stirland@cotswoldlakestrust.org](mailto:Davina.Stirland@cotswoldlakestrust.org) who will be in touch to arrange an informal chat at the Visitor Centre.

