

FAQ

Do we have to pay for this?

We are very grateful that you are giving up your time to help us deliver a project and in return we want to make the day a rewarding experience for you. As a charity we have to cover our costs and in order for us to do so we ask for a donation of £25 per volunteer (Discounts for groups over 20). This covers:

- A team leader too supervise the day (plus additional staff)
- Health and safety equipment,
- Tools and materials,
- Lunch and Refreshments (unlimited tea and coffee).

For an additional fee (dependent on the group size) we can arrange an evening BBQ at our Environment Centre or a boat trip on board the Elsdale a wide-beam canal boat with licensed bar.

How many people can take part?

Activities can be arranged for groups of six and more. There is no maximum group size, however for very large groups you could be working on a number of projects at different locations.

Will it be hard work?

We are happy to match the activity to your group so if you want something less strenuous then this won't be a problem.

Is it safe?

All our activities are fully risk assessed and we won't ask you to do anything dangerous. Furthermore we will provide you with the necessary training before letting you loose with any equipment.

Can you cater for people with special needs?

Yes - we have a number of projects that are suitable for people with special needs, its best to contact us to discuss.

How do I find out more or make a booking?

Contact Groundwork Thames Valley - **01895 270 730**
or email ian.long@groundwork.org.uk



Groundwork Thames Valley Corporate Volunteering Programme



Corporate Volunteering

Whether you're knee-deep in a pond planting a reed-bed, building a greenhouse in a school playground or helping to make an OAP's garden more manageable, Corporate Volunteering enables your company and its employees to make a real positive contribution to the local community whilst having FUN.



Groundwork Thames Valley is a charity that delivers a range of projects that supports local people and protects the natural environment. These projects offer a range of volunteering opportunities that really do make a difference to the communities and their local environment, and is equally rewarding for those taking part.

Why Volunteer?

Your employees have so much to offer. Away from the normal 9-5 individuals skills and attributes can be displayed, teams can interact and bond over common goals, and moral boasted through a shared achievement.

Furthermore volunteering in the local community clearly demonstrates your company's commitment to social responsibility, which in turn positively promotes your organisations to partners, shareholders and clients.

What's Currently on Offer?

We currently have numerous opportunities to get out and volunteer. Below are some examples of current opportunities in and around Iver Environment Centre and Denham

Big Jobs

- Deadwood Fencing around Iver Environment Centres (IEC) new Forest School Area
- Repairing IEC assault course and building new apparatus
- Turfing the outdoor classroom
- Painting the veranda at Denham Country Park

Smaller Jobs

- Installing rabbit proof fencing around the new pizza garden
- Repairing the fences and protecting with wood preserver
- Removing invasive species from the pond and planting with native aquatic plants
- Install new liners in the small leaky ponds
- Repairing the pergola

For something a bit different...

Why not incorporate some volunteering with a team meeting or an away day. Groundwork has some truly unique meeting rooms for hire. For example the Elsdale is wide-beam canal boat which can accommodate 20 people board style or 35 theatre seated. Fully equipped with AV and IT equipment you will not only enjoy a novel meeting venue you will also be supporting a local charity. Or if you'd rather just have a party she's fully licenced and catering can be provided.



We also have a number of larger and smaller rooms available. For more information about our current volunteering opportunities or venues please contact us.