



## Volunteer Role: Workparty Volunteer

### Background to the Role

EPIKS are working with communities and land owners to make the green spaces, paths and waterways in Huddersfield cleaner, more inviting and better for wildlife. A programme of practical activities at various locations along the Colne Valley from Milnsbridge, in Huddersfield and through to Cooper Bridge mean that with help from volunteers we can get outdoors, make new friends, raise awareness of the fantastic nature in our area and take action for climate change.

### What are we asking volunteers to do?

We are asking for volunteers to join us to:

- Clear paths of litter and overgrown weeds and branches
- Pick litter
- Help to manage wildlife habitats by pruning, digging and planting trees and shrubs
- Make places inviting by painting, graffiti removal and tidying up
- Installing signposts, benches, paths and steps

### What skills and equipment do volunteers need?

- We ask that you are able to work safely, following safety instructions with supervision.
- You do not need to have previous experience, just a willingness to help out
- We will provide gloves and tools
- Volunteers need to wear strong shoes and old clothes that protect you from the weather, long sleeves and trousers so that you do not get scratched by vegetation.

### What support are we able to offer?

EPIKS volunteer leaders will provide guidance and instruction at the start of every work party. We ask that volunteers contact us in advance so that we can talk through all your needs and any concerns you have. *We will work with you to try to ensure every person is given an equal opportunity to join our volunteer work parties.*

Our volunteers are covered by insurance and we will work with volunteers to make sure they adhere to our procedures with dynamic risk assessments.

### When and where will volunteering take place?

Wednesday mornings from 10am – 12noon

At various locations – your group leader will let you know where to meet.

### Who should volunteers contact?

Helen Stevenson Volunteer Engagement Officer [volunteering@epiks.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@epiks.org.uk)

### Further info

#### Volunteers must be over 18 to join the volunteer Work Parties

You can book a tailored work party for your **group or business** to volunteer with us

Link to HRNP [volunteering](#) webpage and General info about [EPIKS](#)