



Volunteer Opportunities

We have hands-on opportunities on both of our sites and also flexible admin opportunities which could be done from home. Please do get in touch here if you would like to know more:

Admin

- respond to general enquiries via our website and re-directing if necessary
- organise the January AGM
- arrange Taster Days and Bee Experience sessions
- keeping membership records
- communicating news and activities to members, volunteers and other contacts
- put together an annual calendar of events and activities, circulated March/April
- organise educational visits to our site (we have a small team to deliver these)
- respond to enquiries about volunteering
- organise our Open Days.

Flexible hours, from home.

Promotion and marketing assistants

Join our small friendly team of three.

Overview: getting to know Buzzworks then posting news and up-dates on facebook, Instagram and twitter platforms; helping to promote our events, activities and volunteer opportunities in other ways eg Comet, leaflets, via contact lists; keeping our website fresh.

Face-to-face meetings and email follow-up

Education

Join our team of four who run visits to our Discovery Centre for schools, home education groups and uniformed groups.

Most planning meetings are on site. The Discovery Centre is at the back of the allotments off Old Hale Way. They are usually on Wednesdays, two hours morning or afternoon, but this is flexible. Meetings tend to be every couple of weeks May – July. Amount of planning depends on number of visits agreed to, which is subject to the availability of volunteers. We

Stall

We have a friendly and informal planning team of four, and a wider group who share the rota selling honey at our monthly stall at the Hitchin Farmers Market on the last Saturday each month. Activities include:

- honey and other sales on the day (90 minutes slots in pairs)
- collecting stall stuff from HW and delivering to stall plot 7.30 am ready for set-up
- loading up stall stuff around 3.30 pm and returning it to our HW store
- ensuring an adequate supply of honey stocks by liaising with our beekeepers and honey processors
- making sure we have the jars and labels required; monitoring stocks of other products

Gardening & maintenance

Mainly routine weeding and tidying at the moment, on our site at the back of the allotments off Old Hale Way. May be opportunities for being allocated your own bed for growing pollinator plants for us to sell.

Maintenance of both sites (the other one is off Burford Way) ie outbuildings, pathways, honey-processing facilities, meeting room, kitchen.

Beekeeping & Beekeeper Training

- physical maintenance of 17 hives on one site and/or 4 on the other eg cleaning hive frames and hive boxes
- beekeeping – light-touch. Ensure supply of honey for sale but without undue interference. Some hives used solely for training purposes so are left alone as much as possible
- support running introductory sessions for new and prospective beekeepers
- mentoring for beginner beekeepers

Honey processing and jarring

Flexible. Usually morning during the week.

Covers everything from uncapping and spinning the honey (mainly September), melting (all year round), washing recycled jars, jarring and labelling the honey

Overall purpose is to ensure an adequate supply of good quality honey for sale

Training and equipment supplied. Some tasks can be done at home.