

Volunteer Role Profile



Role	Plant nursery volunteer
Line Manager	Emma Higgs, LUCT Project Manager
Location	Nosterfield Nature Reserve
Minimum Commitment	Weekly opportunity – Tuesdays & Fridays

1. What to expect from this role

As part of the volunteer team that looks after LUCT's plant nursery you'll get involved in a wide range of practical tasks in our polytunnels and surrounding areas. Our plant nursery is at the heart of our habitat restoration work and we're propagating and planting a wide variety of often specialist plants.

This is an opportunity to undertake a range of practical tasks related to plant propagation and the running of a successful plant nursery while learning new skills, picking up new knowledge and doing your bit for nature restoration!

2. What you will be doing

You'll be working alongside two of our professionally qualified volunteers, who run our plant nursery. There are always a wide range of tasks to complete – both undercover and outdoors. These include:

- Plant propagation – pricking out, potting on, splitting, watering etc
- Planting
- Seed collection
- Weeding
- Maintaining the nursery infrastructure

3. The skills you'll need

The most important thing you need is enthusiasm! You'll need to be happy working in our polytunnels or outdoors all year round, and the range of tasks we cover means there should be something to suit you. If you have gardening/ horticulture related skills they'll come in useful but a willingness to get stuck in and learn is more important.

You'll need to be happy work in a team with a small group of volunteers and adhere to LUCT health and safety standards. Depending on the task, you may need to wear appropriate PPE.

4. Training opportunities

Some areas of our work in the plant nursery are quite specialist and you'll have lots of opportunities to widen your knowledge and learn new skills – particularly in relation to plant identification and propagation and planting techniques.