

Role title	Plant Eastleigh volunteer
Purpose of the role	Volunteers assist the Council's Plant Eastleigh Team with the planting and aftercare of woodlands, hedgerows and individual standard trees.
What you will be doing	<p>You will be outdoors:</p> <p>Helping with practical tasks using a variety of hand tools such as spades, forks, mallets and loppers.</p> <p>Tasks include cutting back weeds and clearing areas for planting. Planting tree standards or whips and installing tree guards and stakes.</p> <p>The aftercare of planted trees, such as controlling weeds, applying mulch and watering.</p>
Skills, experience and qualities needed	<p>No previous experience is necessary,</p> <p>A willingness to be outside in all weathers and tackle physical tasks.</p> <p>An enjoyment of meeting new, like-minded people</p> <p>Volunteers must be over 18 years old.</p>
When and where	<p>Various locations, times and days of the week, but you don't have to be able to commit to all of them, as you will sign up for each one.</p> <p>Your own transport or the ability to travel around the Borough is essential. Only one site per day is planned, so public or active transport users are welcome too.</p>
Support offered	<p>Tree Team staff will be on hand and give relevant training and demonstrations as required.</p> <p>Let us know if you have any additional needs we should be aware of on the application form. These will not stop you being able to volunteer, but we need to be aware of them for our planning.</p>
What you could get out of it	<p>During practical tasks there will be plenty of on-the-job training with the task leader and more experienced members of the group.</p> <p>A chance to get active outdoors, be part of a community of volunteers and develop new practical skills.</p> <p>An opportunity to give back to the local community, share ideas and improve your local environment.</p>
Other relevant information	<p>Please wear suitable clothing for the work and weather conditions, sturdy footwear suitable for outdoor work is essential.</p> <p>Tools and all safety clothing will be provided for tasks e.g. gloves and hard hats.</p> <p>Tasks are advertised via email and are carried out on a variety of sites in the Borough.</p>

	<p>If the weather is too wet or windy, we will do our best to contact you to confirm that the session is cancelled.</p>
What to do if you're interested	<p>Please apply by completing an online Volunteer Application form on the Eastleigh Borough Council website www.eastleigh.gov.uk/volunteering We will contact you to let you know if your application has been accepted.</p> <p>You can contact us at volunteer@eastleigh.gov.uk if you have any questions.</p>