



## **Community Action Project**

National Trust

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The National Trust Runnymede

**Aim:** The National Trust is a charity and is completely independent of the Government. They have over 3.6 million members and 55,000 volunteers. More than 14 million people visit their properties, while an estimated 50 million visit the open air properties. They protect and open to the public over 350 historic houses, gardens and ancient monuments. They also look after forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, downs, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, castles, nature reserves, and villages - forever, for everyone. The team at Runnymede are responsible for conserving a group of countryside properties, each with its own unique challenges and interests, but all important for their historical, natural or local value. They aim to provide a fulfilling and enjoyable volunteer experience that develops individual's skills and knowledge, whilst also being a great opportunity to get out and meet new people, and work in some beautiful surroundings.

**Role:** Volunteers at NT Runnymede are welcome to get involved in a great variety of roles, including:

- **Volunteer Rangers** are involved with conservation of numerous habitats, access works, amenity management and occasional survey work. Volunteers with gardening experience will be involved with a new project at the Fairhaven Memorial Lodges.
- **Meet & greet volunteers** will be using their friendliness and enthusiasm to make visitors welcome to the site and offer information about Runnymede, its history and memorials. Signing up new Members and selling raffle ticket would be part of this role.

There are also opportunities for work on other NT sites nearby, such as Finchampstead Ridges where volunteers meet twice a month. Please contact for more info. The ideal volunteer would be a reliable and dedicated person, able to make a regular commitment. They would have a passion for the work that the National Trust do and their aims.

**Training:** The National Trust provide all training and induction required for the tasks. Supervision is by the Ranger Team generally, but additional help may sometimes be required.

**Location:** Volunteers would need to be able to get themselves to Runnymede.

**Times:** Mondays and Tuesdays, 8.30 to 4.00 for conservation volunteers. Throughout the week, full or half days, for Meet & Greet volunteers, with some seasonal variation.

**CRB:** No CRB disclosure is required.

**Other:** For Ranger roles, a good general level of fitness and a willingness to participate is required. conservation work can be physically demanding and in relatively remote areas where accessibility can be difficult.

**Application:** Conservation volunteer spaces are limited, so they do operate a waiting list. However, they are looking to expand their Volunteer Group in the future, so please do apply if you are interested. Meet & Greet volunteer applications will be welcomed.

All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>



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