

Volunteer Induction

2025



- Let me show you how to use the compost toilet and the handwashing (available by both toilets). Any questions please ask. Handwashing is available separately if we are making food.
- Please take care of your children and make sure they know enough to keep them safe and to have a respect for the garden its trees, plants streams and structures. Please show them how to use the loo.
- We are here to support you to get the most out of your experience. We want to hear from you about your skills, capabilities, and any limitations and preferences you might have.
- We have a positive approach to however much you can and want to do. We value everyone's input in to this productive and beautiful community forest garden.
- It's entirely up to you how much work you do please take care of your own body and energy.
- There is a volunteer coordinator onsite to inform you of the jobs we are concentrating on. They can support you to find the right tools and approach to do the job within your limits. Please speak up if you don't want that job, or you don't understand something about it.
- We want to hear about what tools you can use safely. No edged tools are to be used with out an induction about safe use of tools, edged tools are bill hook, slasher, axe, hand sickle. We will also give an induction into use of mattock, sawhorse, saw, mower. We can show you how to use any tools here like secateurs, forks.
- Do not start a job unless you have agreed it with the volunteer coordinator.
- Some jobs will require you to wear protective footwear, if you like those jobs please wear the right kind of boots for the job. We also have gloves, goggles, ear defenders, for your protection.
- Please take all your rubbish home. There is no rubbish collection here.

- We have a lunch break at 12.45/1pm we provide tea and biscuits.
- Please bring your own drinking water and lunch.
- Please only use equipment that you know how to use.
- Please keep aware of your own limitations, there are always too many jobs to do at the garden but we must look after ourselves and sit down, drink water, keep out of very hot sunshine, or keep warm.
- Please occasionally offer to do housekeeping jobs like clearing up after tea, washing up, getting things out ready for tea and sweeping the floor.
- Only people who have completed an induction can use the storm/ Kelly kettle if you are interested in this we'd love to show you.
- Fire procedure: alert others if you see a fire, if there is a major fire, please go across the foot bridge and wait on the green there. If you can, help anyone who may need it.
- We have a risk assessment for the site and activities please ask to see this if you wish to.
- The volunteer coordinator has first aid, please inform them if you have hurt yourself and we can fill in an injuries form
- There is a safe guarding policy and you are welcome to look at this and our other policies at any time.
- If you would like to be reimbursed for your travel please talk to the volunteer coordinator.

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