

An aerial photograph of a vast forest landscape. The trees are in various shades of green and yellow, suggesting an autumn setting. In the foreground, there are several large, open fields, some of which appear to be agricultural. The background shows rolling hills and a distant horizon under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the top right corner, there is a green leaf-shaped logo with the text 'THE HEART OF ENGLAND FOREST' inside it.

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Corporate volunteering days in the Heart of England Forest



Corporate volunteering

Our partnership with your business includes corporate volunteering opportunities as part of your programme of support. These days offers numerous benefits, both for your company and for the Forest itself.

Key benefits include:

Employee Engagement

Providing a unique opportunity for employees to connect with nature, engage in meaningful work, and contribute to a larger cause. This can increase employee satisfaction, boost morale, and improve overall well-being.

Team Building

Volunteering as a team in an outdoor setting promotes collaboration, communication, and teamwork. It allows employees to work together towards a common goal, outside of their usual work environment, fostering stronger relationships and a sense of camaraderie.

Skills Development

Volunteering activities often involve a range of tasks, such as tree planting, habitat management and woodland maintenance. These activities provide employees with the opportunity to develop new skills and increase environmental awareness.

Teams leave feeling re-energised and motivated with a real sense of achievement.

We look forward to welcoming your company into the Forest for a corporate volunteering day.



Volunteering is hugely valuable to The Heart of England Forest. With **over 4,600 acres** of newly planted woodlands, **around 600 acres** of established woodland to maintain, and new planting each year, we simply couldn't do this without the kind and generous support of volunteers.



“The Heart of England Forest offers such a broad range of opportunities for us – a close link to the natural world, an opportunity for staff to meet outside of the work environment and to form those relationships which are getting more difficult with online working.” ”

E Powell, CEO, Vectric



“It was great for the Commonwealth Games England staff to get together in the Forest for the day. Not only is it a team building opportunity there is something fundamentally impactful and satisfying in doing it.”

John Steele, Chairman,
Commonwealth Games Team England.

Volunteer activities

Volunteer activities typically vary with the seasons, encompassing woodland creation which may include tree planting depending upon our planting requirements for the year, and coppicing. This activity usually takes place from November to March.

We also carry out a range of woodland maintenance activities throughout the year including bramble bashing, tree guard removal, and other activities geared towards growing and sustaining the woodlands and promoting tree health.

Further activities might include woodland enhancement, habitat surveys and habitat maintenance and tree nursery maintenance.



Impact of your support

- Help to create landscape scale change and positively impact the environment in a number of ways including carbon sequestration, climate regulation, water & air purification and flood regulation.
- Engage your employees and stakeholders in the creation and growth of this unique place.
- Help to provide an incredible natural resource for people and wildlife.
- Contribute to establishing and growing a Forest that will be here for life, protected and secured for hundreds of years to come.



“The opportunities we have for volunteering in the Forest offers a win-win outcome where our staff can do something that benefits the wider environment and themselves from that mental and physical well-being perspective.”

Andy Martyr-Icke,
Environment Team, National
Grid Electricity Distribution

Additional information

Location

Our corporate volunteering days take place on a number of sites across our land in both Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Locations are dependent on the activity and work priorities of the time and the size of the volunteering party. We will let you know the exact location of your activity one month in advance so you can inform all attendees and/or make travel arrangements.

Group size

We ideally prefer a minimum group size for volunteering of 10 rising to a maximum of 30.

Clothing

All participants will need to bring their own gardening gloves and wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and terrain. This includes warm layers, a hat, and suitable boots or wellies if it is cold, waterproofs if it is rainy, and sunscreen if the sun is out.

Available days and times

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
10am-3.30pm.

Facilities

Where possible we will be based out of a volunteer hub that has access to parking, toilets and tea & coffee provisions. However, this isn't always

possible, so please bear in mind that some sites are more remote meaning limited facilities or more complex logistics. Parking availability will vary from site to site too.

Joining instructions, Risk Assessments and PLI

Details of your volunteering activity for the day, joining instructions, risk assessments and our public liability insurance certificate will be sent out to you one month prior to your day if possible. We can also supply a list of local caterers should you wish to organise a lunch delivery for your team.

We endeavour, where possible, to include a walk and talk around the area in which you have been working, with a HoEF staff member, if time and activity permits. This is

a lovely way for your team to see and learn more about the Forest and to ask any questions about the work that we do and the impact we are making.





“Our corporate volunteering days are great for our people as they allow them all to gain a good insight into what it takes to create, manage, and maintain the Forest and they can share with other people the wonderful conservation work that the Heart of England Forest does..”

Andlyn White, Responsible Business Manager, Gateley Plc.

The Heart of England Forest

The Heart of England Forest is an exciting and ambitious charity working to create an extensive new woodland in the heart of the country that will benefit people and wildlife for generations to come.

The Forest is more than just trees; it is home to an incredible array of habitats, including new tree planting, mature and ancient woodland, grassland, heathland, farmland, and wetland, that enable animals, plants, and people to thrive.




Our goal is to reach **30,000 acres** of semi contiguous forest by planting **13 million native broadleaf trees**. To date we have planted **over 2 million trees** across more than 4,600 acres, to join a further 3,000 acres of mature woodland, grasslands and wetlands owned and managed by the charity.

The significance and scale of our work cannot be underestimated: The Heart of England Forest will be one of the largest native forests in England. At just 23% towards our final goal we are already England's biggest new native woodland and it's an exciting time to join us on this important journey and make a real and lasting difference to the landscape and environment.

So far, we have planted more than 2 million trees. Tree planting on this scale makes a significant positive environmental impact, creating a huge carbon sink and helping to mitigate climate change. Further environmental and social impacts of planting include water purification and flood alleviation.

We are delighted to be working with likeminded businesses like yours, who recognise the importance and value in supporting tree planting, woodland creation and maintenance for the benefit of the environment, wildlife and people.





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To book your corporate
volunteering day please contact:
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We look forward to your visit.

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