



## Bee Host Volunteer Role Description

*Are you interested in bee conservation and education? Would you like to show visitors our observation hives and teach people about bee behaviour and ecology? This could be the ideal volunteer role for you!*

### Why do we need you?

In addition to growing wonderful, healthy vegetables, Bosavern Community Farm hosts 5 Cornish Black Bee Company hives and a bee education centre containing two observation hives. We need volunteers to open the observation hives for farm visitors and talk about local bee species, bee life cycles, and the importance of pollinators to food growing. We also need people to help at our events, leading bee-themed activities in the observation hives and around the farm.

### How much time could you offer? When would you be needed? Where will you be working?

- You can choose which events or group visits you can support in advance.
- School and community group education visits are booked in advance. We currently run approximately 1-2 visits per month, more in the summer.
- We hold four Farm Open Days; one for each season, and bee talks are offered at least two of these events.
- In addition, we may also offer bee-themed workshops to tourists over the summer season.
- Most group education visits last half a day (4 hours), although some groups will attend a full day which may run 10am to 4pm.
- Activities are held in the bee education hut, the bee garden and in other pollinator gardens around the farm.

### What activities will you be involved in?

- You would lead school, community or tourist groups, often with children aged 5-12, in bee-themed activities such as bee identification, bee ecology, hive behaviour and identifying plants that are a food source for bees.
- You **will not** be opening live hives, or need to wear a protective bee suit, the hives you will be looking at are behind glass panes.

### What can you gain from this opportunity?

1. Opportunity to engage with and support a local community project.
2. Learning about the Cornish Black bee and bee conservation in general.
3. Meeting lots of different people and inspiring people about bee ecology.
4. Invitation to four volunteer thank you events at the farm each year.

### Is there an induction and training?

- You will receive an induction when you start from a qualified and experienced bee keeper.
- You will receive a DBS check and certificate for safeguarding purposes.

### What are we looking for?

- Able to hold people's attention and talk confidently about bees and plants (following training).
- An interest in bees, nature and wildlife conservation.
- An interest in the community farm and its principles.

### Who should you contact?

Contact Shelley Nuth (Community and Volunteer Development Officer) on 01736 788454 or email [shelley.nuth@bosaverncommunityfarm.org.uk](mailto:shelley.nuth@bosaverncommunityfarm.org.uk) to register as a volunteer.