

Flag Fen

Fenland Conservation Volunteer

What is a Fenland Conservation volunteer?

This is a newly created volunteer role that will play an essential part in helping visitors have a deeper more enriching and fun experience at Flag Fen. The landscape here is special because of its many well preserved archaeological features and the way that we maintain it through use of traditional fenland management techniques. Flag Fen is also a haven for wildlife and is home to many specialist species that rely on the complex and sensitive habitats found here. You will work with the team to deliver the site conservation and maintenance plan.

Your role could be to help us raise the quality and range of our delivery of this by helping us with:

- Watling and hurdle making
- Willow coppicing
- Maintaining our newly created wildflower garden
- General grounds maintenance
- Grassland and reed bed management
- Habitat creation
- Wildlife surveying

This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn new skills and share the skills that you already have with our visitors and other volunteers. Your knowledge of traditional skills will enrich our visitor offer and support the work of our paid team. You will be supporting Flag Fen by helping people connect to this special place and helping us conserve it for future generations.

What's in it for you?

- Meet new people including Flag Fen founder Francis Pryor
- Have the opportunity to learn new skills
- Become part of a friendly and dedicated team
- You will learn more about this historic landscape and fenland habitats
- Experience past ways of life by using traditional skills that were used up to 3000 years ago
- Engagement with our inquisitive visitors
- A sense of achievement that you have helped us make sure that Flag Fen stays open for future generations



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What's involved?

- You'll be mainly working outdoors in our large 29 acre park land.
- You will engage with visitors and other volunteers.
- You will enhance the site by helping us demonstrate our use of traditional fenland management techniques by creating new hedges, fencing, habitats and much more.
- You will help us to conserve these unique habitats through a range of management techniques and learn about the vast array of wildlife that can be found here.
- Volunteers will give visitors the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of Flag Fen's pre-historic past.

The role will suit people who...

Are willing to work as an integral part of a small team, who are passionate and committed to enhancing and promoting Flag Fen. You will have an interest in history and/or the natural world and want to contribute to helping us offer new ways for our visitors to engage and learn about Flag Fen, its landscape and people.

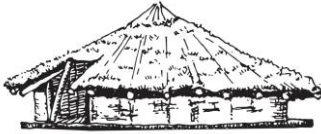
About Flag Fen

Flag Fen is a place where you can see remains of the well preserved Bronze Age causeway, reconstructed round house, unspoilt Fenland landscape packed full of wildlife and much more. Visitors are invited to explore a prehistoric landscape full of stories, reconstructions and artefacts.

The story of Flag Fen begins in 1971 when excavations ahead of the construction of Peterborough New Town revealed an almost intact Bronze Age landscape, which ran along the edge of the drained fen. It was in 1982 when archaeologist surveying the depths of the Flag Fen basin came across timbers of what was to prove an internationally important site. Excavations in the basin continue to find prehistoric settlements, farms, barrows, cemeteries and religious sites along with managed river causeways across the developing fen marsh.

Every year we discover something new about the lives of our prehistoric ancestors around the Flag Fen basin- which is now recognised as one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe.

Flag Fen is a complex patchwork of habitats unique to the fenland landscape, including reed bed and open water, dykes, peat grassland and small patches of woodland. Many species of insects, birds and small mammals are found here throughout the year and with wildlife surveys, we are discovering more. We are dedicated to enriching and conserving these



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special habitats and are looking at new ways in which our visitors can enjoy this wildlife haven.

We aim to enrich people's lives, encouraging enjoyment, learning and participation through our public programme, training and volunteering schemes. We hold events throughout the year, family activities during the holidays, a programme for schools and community-focused initiatives. We are a space for people to be active, learn new things, look at the world differently, make friends and give something back.

Where	Flag Fen, The Droveaway, Northey road, Peterborough PE6 7QJ
Time Commitment	Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm (flexible). You can opt in to sessions that work for you.
Responsible to	Name: Jasmin Atkinson Position: Ranger Email: jasmin.atkinson@peterboroughlimited.co.uk
Training	Flag Fen induction, run through processes, and shadowing sessions to learn more about role and chosen activity.
Other	As a regular volunteer you will be issued with a membership card, which gives you free entry to Flag Fen and all un-ticketed events

If you are interested

Please contact Jasmin Atkinson: jasmin.atkinson@peterboroughlimited.co.uk