Corporate Volunteering





Our team building days

- Groundwork Northamptonshire offers a diversity of volunteering experiences across a range of environmental and community projects
- Our corporate volunteers learn new skills and have refreshing outdoor experiences that build team friendship and cooperation
- Our work days allow teams to experience and cooperate on projects that support community and the environment
- Activities range from litter picking, planting trees herbs and vegetables, making paths, weeding, composting, looking after chickens and rabbits, carpentry, and more
- Volunteering locations include The Green Patch community garden, Twywell hills and Dales Country Park



The Barclaycard volunteer team planted a dozen trees in Twywell Hills and Dales Country Park Heritage orchard

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Volunteering tailored to your team

We charge £60/head for our corporate away days. For that amount we provide serviced volunteer days tailored to meet your organisation's needs. This includes fun one-off challenge days, or programmes providing opportunities for people across your company and across multiple sites, all of which result in staff learning new skills, building team spirit and motivation and offer volunteers a great sense of achievement in doing something meaningful.

The benefits of volunteering, for your business and people include:

- More satisfied, motivated and happier staff
- Improved internal team relations
- Increased ability to attract and retain talent
- Increased brand awareness and loyalty
- Promotional opportunities and positive PR stories
- Better relationships with the communities in which you operate.

Weetabix at the Green Patch

A group of colleagues from Weetabix in Kettering swapped their office-based day jobs for a day of volunteering and team building – helping to spruce up The Green Patch

The 18-strong group, who work in the company's New Product Development Team, took on litter picking, planting, pruning and renovating the gardens and outdoor area.

Hope Patterson, Senior Development Technician, said: "We had an incredible day at The Green Patch and were grateful to have been able to spend some quality time together as a team whilst doing our bit to give back.

"At Weetabix, our local community in and around Northamptonshire is very important to us, so it was great to get stuck into a project so close to our Burton Latimer mills. We got to work together in a completely different way to our day-to-day jobs or typical team building activities, and many of us experienced different outdoor tasks for the first time and learnt plenty from the Green Patch team and volunteers on site."



Kate Williams, CEO of Groundwork Northamptonshire, added: "Thank you to the Weetabix team. We love working with our wider community

Weetabix have a number of longstanding charity partnerships which enable the company to find ways to support the local community and give back.

The work highlighted in Weetabix's sustainability report showcases the ways in which the business helps to support people, society and the environment.

National Accident Helpline at the Green Patch

National Accident Helpline became regulars at the Green Patch in 2022!

National Accident Helpline team helped out at the Green Patch, a groundwork-run community garden project in Kettering. They place great value on supporting charities and the local community, and have enjoyed getting involved on the Green Patch community volunteering days.

One one occasion they helped plant out a new food forest, which will grow over the next few years to provide a great food source and a natural resource for bees and local wildlife.

On other occasions the NAHL team help with garden paths, litter picking, mulch moving and helping us repair and move animal enclosures.

A great time was had by all—which must be why they keep coming back!



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You feel like you're giving something back, you feel quite accomplished by the end of day.





What to expect on the day

When you book with us we will send you a detailed pack on how to prepare for your day out, where to find us etc.

As a brief overview, you will be provided with:

- A weather sheltered area for your staff, with seating
- Support from on site staff who will task and guide your volunteers as needed.
- Refreshments
- A wide selection of optional activities that can be adapted for weather and season
- Team building sessions in the afternoon.
 For example, previous teams have been making jam or foccacia, or rock painting!
- A joyful, inspiring, outdoor work day in an extraordinary local green space.

For any enquiries, or to make a booking, please email: grey.lindley@groundwork.org.uk





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