

Volunteer Position Title: Biodiversity Monitoring Volunteer

Team: Sustainable Development Unit

Location: Avery Hill Campus

Time Commitment: 2 hours [once in 2 weeks on Tuesdays, 12:00-14:00]

Reports to: Yee Ng (Sustainability Engagement Officer)

Position Summary

We have 6.7 hectares (9 football pitches in size) of natural land across our campuses. Our Avery Hill Campus has the largest green areas, which includes a community edible garden, ponds, wildflower meadows and a variety of native planting, totalling over 13 acres (7 football pitches). To maintain and enhance biodiversity of campus natural land, it is important for us to understand the current situation through constant monitoring. A pilot monitoring project was conducted in April – June 2024. To continue to collect data for constant monitoring, we are extending the project to the new academic year.

The Biodiversity Monitoring Volunteer will participate in conducting different ecological surveys in Avery Hill campus. The role is essential for monitoring and documenting flora and fauna on campus, which helps generate data for future biodiversity management plans.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend trainings about ecological monitoring.
- Collect data through ecological surveys, including mammals, birds, aquatic life, bees, butterflies.
- Organise data.

Skills & Abilities

- Interested in biological monitoring and learning about different species.
- Willingness to learn and work collaboratively with others.
- No prior knowledge is required, training will be provided.

Personal Qualities

- Organised and attention to details
- Respect for others
- Passionate for learning

Training

Our volunteers will all have an introductory training session where a general idea of the University's sustainability mission and goals will be discussed. They will also receive training on how to conduct different types of surveys.

Benefits

- Learn about nature, be able to recognise and monitor a range of plant and animal species
- Spend time outdoors, getting fresh air and a bit of exercise
- Make new friends
- Identify species at the campus
- Help us understand better the richness of the nature we have at Avery Hill which will help us create the plans to protect it.

How to Apply

Apply [here](#).

Any questions please contact sustainability@gre.ac.uk