



HELLO, thank you for your interest!

If you have an intention of attending during the upcoming Work Party, I would advise that you don't do consecutive days to begin with, unless you are very fit (or very young).

On each work party day there will be a Team Leader on site and on your first visit you should find the Team leader for a Site and Safety induction.

You will need to have steel toe capped wellingtons (wet weather) or steel toe capped boots (drier weather). The wearing of Hi Viz clothing and Hardhat is mandatory due to the close working with excavators and dumpers,

You can have ordinary outdoor clothing and wear a Hi Viz tabard. We have a supply of Hardhat and HiViz tabard in our Welfare Hut. Volunteers tend to acquire their own.

Stout gloves are preferred for most tasks and you will need to supply those to fit yourself.

With the UK weather you'll need to be prepared to be out all day in the wet and you will almost certainly get very muddy. Other safety gear is provided depending on the task in hand.

We do have a shelter for tea breaks and lunch etc. and we have a portaloo on site.

If you have any existing skills (e.g. driving an excavator or dumper, H and S, leading a team, CDM etc) we can assess and give you a driving permit. Longer term we can train and assess for driving.

I have assumed that you are volunteering to do the manual labouring side of the restoration but there are many other "back office" tasks that need doing as well. Like help with publicity, newsletters, buying materials, liaising with local authorities and so on.

The entrance to the site and car park is via a small track from the Little Tring road on the opposite side of the road to the track to Tringford Pumping Station.

If you can use "**what three words**" for precise locations you need to find **///unwind.excavate.supreme**. You may already have found the track if you walk from Tring. It would be useful on your first day to arrive on site around 08:15 to allow time for your briefing.

Please read the Health and Safety information on the web site, including the Volunteer Handbook version 4. Also please find and fill in the Volunteer ICE application form and either send it via email or give it to the Team Leader on your first visit. (ICE = In Case of Emergency).

You will be required to sign on when coming on to the work site, also you will be asked to provide your ICE contact details for the first aider/Team Leader to carry with them on site.

We usually start to arrive on site at 08:30 and at this time of year we will be off site at 16:00 at the latest, or earlier if it gets dark sooner. Mid-morning break is generally at 11:00 and lunch at 13:00. Please bring your own food and plenty to drink. You can choose to go offsite at any time but you must let the Team Leader know that you are leaving. If you have a mobile phone on site, I recommend a sealed plastic bag or specialist waterproof container, I have seen a few phone disasters!

The volunteers really enjoy re-creating a historical artefact and I am sure you will too. Any questions please email back to [Volunteer@wendovercanal.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer@wendovercanal.org.uk).

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