Volunteer Role Description - Minibus Driving

Purpose of the Role
Our Minibus Driver Volunteers play a vital part in helping people access volunteering opportunities at Denmark Farm. By collecting volunteers from three pick-up points in Lampeter and bringing them to the site — and returning them safely at the end of the session — you help ensure that transport is not a barrier to taking part in conservation and gardening activities. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys driving, meeting people, and supporting community and environmental projects.

What the Role Involves

- Driving the Dolen Teifi Community minibus to collect volunteers from designated pick-up points in Lampeter and transporting volunteers safely to Denmark Farm for volunteering sessions.
- Returning volunteers to the same pick-up points at the end of the session
- Carrying out basic pre-drive checks (fuel, tyres, lights, cleanliness)
- Keeping a simple record of passenger numbers and journey times
- Reporting any issues, concerns, or maintenance needs to staff
- Ensuring all passengers are seated safely and comfortably
- Being a friendly, welcoming presence for volunteers



This role does **not** involve personal care or lifting passengers.

Who We're Looking For
You don't need professional driving experience — just confidence, reliability, and a safe approach.

- Volunteers need be over 25 with a valid driving licence and at least two years of driving experience
- A clean driving licence desirable but not essential
- Confident and safe driving skills
- Good time-keeping and reliability
- Friendly, patient, and welcoming manner
- Ability to follow safety procedures and organisational guidance
- Willingness to represent Denmark Farm positively when interacting with volunteers and the public

If needed, we can support you to complete MiDAS or similar minibus driver training.

When and Where
Driving is required on days when conservation or gardening sessions take place, typically picking up on Wednesdays from Lampeter for a 10am session start, and dropping off after sessions finish at either 1pm or 3pm (alternating weekly). Times and dates will be agreed in advance with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Support and Training
You will be provided with:

- A warm welcome and induction to Denmark Farm and our wildlife-friendly ethos
- Guidance on safety procedures and passenger management
- MiDAS or equivalent minibus driver training that is transferable within the community transport sector
- First aid training if required

What You'll Gain

- The satisfaction of helping people access nature, community, and volunteering
- Experience in community transport and volunteer support
- Opportunities to meet new people and be part of a friendly team
- A meaningful role that directly supports conservation and wellbeing

Practical Information

- The Minibus, fuel, and insurance are provided.
- You will need your own transport to get to the minibus collection and drop-off point.
- Volunteers must follow our safety, safeguarding, and data protection guidelines
- You will be asked to complete a simple driving declaration and provide licence details
- Basic mobility support (e.g., steadying someone as they step up) may be required, but no lifting

How to Get Involved
To join our friendly volunteer team, please contact us at volunteer@denmarkfarm.org.uk or complete the volunteer enquiry form on our website:
https://www.denmarkfarm.org.uk/root-branch-volunteer-enquiry-form/



