TORBAY COAST & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

Cockington Visitor Centre Engagement Lead Volunteer

ROLE PROFILE

ROLE TITLE: Engagement Lead Volunteer - Cockington Visitor Centre

REPORTS TO: Operations Manager

HOURS:

Ideally 1 regular shift per week (approx. 3–4 hours), with flexibility to provide occasional cover if possible.

LOCATION:

Cockington Visitor Centre, Cockington Country Park, Torquay

PRIMARY ROLE:

This Lead Volunteer role plays a key part in supporting the smooth running of the Cockington Visitor Centre. You'll help co-ordinate the volunteer team, provide a welcoming experience for visitors, and promote the work of Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust. It's a fantastic opportunity for someone confident, organised and passionate about engaging people with the local environment and heritage.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Represent Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust at the Visitor Centre.
- Help co-ordinate volunteer rotas and assist new volunteers with induction and training.
- Provide friendly and informative engagement with visitors about Cockington, the wider Trust, and local wildlife.
- Promote membership, volunteering, and donation opportunities.
- Ensure the Centre is clean, presentable and welcoming.
- Collect and share visitor feedback or observations with the team.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Friendly and confident communicator
- Comfortable taking initiative and supporting a small team
- Passionate about nature, local history, or conservation
- Reliable and proactive
- Organised and able to multi-task in a visitor-facing environment

Desirable:

- Experience in retail, visitor services or volunteer management
- Familiarity with Torbay's heritage and the work of the Trust

- Basic computer literacy for rota and communication tasks
- Comfortable around dogs, as they are common on site

Benefits of Volunteering:

- Play a key role in welcoming visitors to a much-loved local heritage site
- Help others learn about the countryside and conservation
- Develop leadership, customer service and public engagement skills
- Be part of a friendly, supportive and passionate team
- Enjoy time in a beautiful setting while making a real difference