**Volunteer role description**

**COMMUNITY RIVER INDUSTRY PROJECT**

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| Purpose of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust: | Don Catchment Rivers Trust was established to help protect and restore the rivers in the Don & Rother catchment area. Our rivers are a valuable asset which tell the story of our culture and heritage. They are important for people, wildlife and the local economy, and form an integral part of our landscape.The Don Catchment Rivers Trust has been awarded funding for the ‘Hidden Heritage Secret Streams’ project. Our ambition is to reconnect people, communities and decision makers back to the River Rother and its rich natural, cultural, built and industrial heritage. We want to change their beliefs and attitudes so that the River Rother and its heritage will be better valued as a major asset and better protected in the future.  |
| Purpose of the Role: | Working alongside DCRT staff and North East Derbyshire Industrial Archaeology Society (NEDIAS) you carry out filed walking or archives searches to find evidence for past industries on the Rother and its tributaries.  |
| Outline of tasks and activities: | Depending on experience and particular area of interest: * Field walking
* Test pitting
* Recording evidence
* Photography
* Contributing to community events
* Contribute to gathering evidence for project evaluation
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| Location & work hours:  | Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust’s programme of events. The majority of our project will take place along the Rother valley corridor in the wider Chesterfield area. |
| This role will suit people who: | * Have an interest in or experience of community archaeology
* Are able to communicate with a wide range of people
* Are willing to work as part of a team, and share experience and knowledge with other volunteers
* Have the flexibility and availability to volunteer within a programme of events and bookings
* Don’t mind working outdoors and walking distances

Knowledge of the environmental and built heritage of the River Rother is not essential, but a willingness to learn would be desirable, and training will be available.  |
| Training & support: | * This activity will be overseen by the Community Engagement Officer, with day to day activities being run by NEDIAS
* An induction and training will be available
* A DBS check may be required
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| Reimbursement of expenses: | Volunteers will be able to claim public transport or vehicle mileage (payable upon monthly expense claim) as per the volunteering policy |
| Application procedure: | Expression of interest form (below)Informal interviewReferences and DBS check sought (if applicable)Induction and settling in period (to be mutually agreed) |
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