



Volunteer Application Form

for work on the farm.

We greatly welcome committed and enthusiastic new volunteers to help out with the operation and upkeep of the farm.... but it's important to recognise what might be involved in a typical day's work. You're likely to find yourself sharing the chores and delights of a working farm, from mucking-out pens to sweeping paths, from fixing fences to picking up dung from the fields... (its not just about fluffy bunnies..!) But this active and often dirty work also has many rewards as you tend to livestock, interact with our visitors, enjoy good company, and learn new skills.

Farms can a dangerous place for the untrained and unwary. Safety considerations prevent us from accepting volunteers aged less than 16 years old, other than through our Young Volunteers Club. Similarly, the law restricts the range of tasks that young people aged 16-18 can undertake on a farm, and requires a level of supervision that we seldom have the capacity to provide. Regrettably therefore, we can only accept 16-18 year old volunteers under exception circumstances (for example agricultural students seeking a period of practical experience)

Adult volunteers must be prepared for hard work, be alert to the dangers posed by large animals and farm machinery, and fully comprehend the need for exceptional standards of hygiene essential to preventing transmission of animal-bourne diseases. It is also essential to accept that the farm exists as an education resource rather than an animal sanctuary, and that livestock will arrive and depart as they would on any other farm.

Training and support will be offered to extend and develop skills, and a formal record of achievement can be provided if this of value. In return for this investment, we would expect a regular and reasonable commitment of your time. Working as valued members of the team at Almond Valley, volunteers are bound by the same regulations and code of conduct as any member of staff.

Any relevant professional or academic qualifications

Any relevant work experience or achievements

Any special interests, expertise, or skills ?

What do you hope to achieve through volunteering at Almond Valley?

How many hours per week might you be able to contribute as a volunteer

I have included accurate details of my experience and academic achievements and, if selected, will agree to abide by Almond Valley's regulations, policies and codes of conduct.

signed

date

Please return to Elaine Dunsire, Almond Valley Heritage Trust, Millfield, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 7AR