



Rock House, Windsor Hill Lane, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4JE

Charity number: 1174810

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ASSISTANT WARDEN ROLE DESCRIPTION

Windsor Hill Wood is seeking a residential assistant warden to join us. We are a small family based community offering Christian hospitality to people who, for any number of reasons, are finding life difficult. Some guests suffer from anxiety or depression, others have addiction issues. The vast majority of guests have experienced trauma, adverse childhood experiences and/or suffer from different kinds of attachment problems.

We, Katharine and Chris, along with our two boys Josh and Natty, live in the family home and host up to five guests, one in the main building, the others in cosy shepherd's huts, each with its own wood burner to keep the occupants warm in the colder months. We believe in a God who is love and trust that He is at the heart of WHW. As members of His body we seek to accept, love and encourage those who come to stay. As a Christian home offering hospitality part of our rhythm of life includes the opportunity to pray together twice a day in our small but beautiful chapel. People come from all faiths and none and attendance is optional, as it is for our weekly Bible study.

WHW is 10 acres of land and we offer guests the chance to rediscover peace, silence and acceptance amidst the beauty and simplicity of the woods. We keep pigs, sheep, chickens, and goats. We bake our own bread. We grow our own vegetables and heat our house and its water using a wood burning biomass boiler. All of the guests participate in this and we all take turns to do the various tasks. We eat together at lunch and evening meal and take it in turns to cook for one another. Some guests stay for just a few days, others for up to a year and we find that for all of them being given responsibility as well as acceptance is often a key part of helping them to move forward and gain confidence.

All, hosts and guests, contribute to the common purse to pay for food and bills and we do not charge rent as such. Because some of the people here are dealing with addiction issues, the entire site is dry - meaning, of course, no alcohol - and is drug-free. We don't accept any violence, physical or verbal.

Role Description

You will work to support Chris and Katharine in the day to day running of Windsor Hill Wood, participating fully in the community's weekly rhythm, coming alongside the guests and taking on your share of the communal tasks. This will include looking after the animals, cooking once a week, working on the land, cleaning and attending meetings. You will be able to run Windsor Hill Wood while the Warden and family go away on holiday or for days off.

You will be a real people person and a good team player - emotionally and spiritually mature with great listening skills. You will be able to hold good personal boundaries and have a basic understanding of psychological principles. You will have some relevant experience of one or more of community life, addiction recovery and mental health. You will be willing and able to take on responsibility for a particular area of Windsor Hill Wood such as the vegetable garden, woodland management, livestock or administration and finance. It is a genuine occupational requirement for you to be a person of Christian faith.

This is a volunteer position although all your board, lodging and bills would be paid for, and you would receive a small weekly personal allowance. The expectation is that you will live at Windsor Hill Wood playing a full part in the weekly life and rhythm of the community (see note 1 below for weekly rhythm). You will have two clear days off per week plus 6 weeks holiday per year. Flexibility around working hours will be a key requirement.

The accommodation for the Assistant Warden is suitable for a single person or a couple.

This post is a fixed term contract of 1 year including a probation period of 3 months.

Deadline for expressions of interest including CV if possible: **21st July 2019**

Send to contact@windsorhillwood.co.uk or

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Note 1: Windsor Hill Wood Weekly Rhythm

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30am	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel			
9.00am	Morning meeting	Morning meeting	Morning meeting	Morning meeting			
9.10am	Communal jobs	Communal jobs	Volunteer day	Cleaning hour	Weekly duty	Weekly duty	Weekly duty
10.30am	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Art therapy		
11.00am	Communal jobs	Communal Jobs	Volunteer day	Wellbeing meeting			Church
12.30pm	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel			
1.00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.00pm			Volunteer day				
4.00pm			Tea break				
6.00pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	
8.00pm	House meeting			Bible Study (optional)			