



# GUNNERSBURY

PARK & MUSEUM

## Team volunteering days



Gunnersbury Park and Museum, Popes Lane, London W5 4NH

If you're looking for a team building day with your employees and want to contribute to a good cause at the same time why not book a volunteering day at Gunnersbury Park and Museum?



## Making a difference

Gunnersbury Park and Museum was bought for the nation and opened to the public over 90 years ago. Today Gunnersbury is looked after by a community interest company and managed on a not-for profit basis for the benefit of those who live, work and visit west London.

Your team volunteering day will help contribute to the restoration and maintenance of this special place and is a great way of giving back to the local community.

In addition, team volunteering days can:

- Promote employee bonding and build relationships across teams
- Boost team morale by providing time to recharge and relax together
- Help contribute to achieving your company's Corporate Social Responsibility aims
- Inspire your team to explore the local area in which they work and integrate with the local community
- Give individuals the opportunity to try something new

“Your team can achieve projects in one day which would take our small team of gardeners weeks to complete”



## Get involved

Most of our team volunteering days take place in the park. From wide-open fields to woodlands, glittering ponds to elegant buildings and formal gardens to vegetable plots, Gunnersbury Park's 186 acres offer a wide range of landscapes in which to work and create a huge number of jobs that need to be done! Over the past few years we have been lucky enough to receive funding from the Heritage Lottery Parks for People Fund which has helped us to begin restoring the park but there is still lots to do.

Your volunteering day will be created especially for your team. The tasks we offer vary depending on the size of your group, your aims for the day and the season. To give you an idea of what to expect, here are a few of the tasks previous groups have helped us with:

- 'Bramble bashing' and the removal of invasive species and scrub
- Tree and bulb planting
- Mulching trees and shrubs and building protective tree circles
- Autumn leaf clearance



## Making the most of your time at Gunnersbury

Having left the office behind, you may want to capitalise on your time at Gunnersbury by including a meeting or workshop as part of your day or by visiting the Museum.

Our historic museum building offers a series of modern, well equipped spaces that can be configured in different ways to suit your needs. For further information, please ask for a copy of our Corporate Hire brochure.

Visits to the Museum are possible Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 4.30pm and are free of charge.

If you would like to make use of the grounds, we can hire small areas for your choice of external team building company to run outdoor pursuit activities, team games and treasure hunts.

We can also arrange for private tours with one of our Gardening team (charge applies).





## Planning your day

We know that taking your team out of the office for a day is a big commitment and our team is here to make sure the day achieves your objectives. As we plan each volunteering day on a case by case basis, please do not hesitate to make us aware of any specific preferences or needs members of your group may have.

## Practicalities to consider

The majority of our team volunteering days take place outside and therefore can be influenced by the weather. For an enjoyable day, it is important that your team come appropriately dressed and bring essentials such as waterproofs or hats and sun cream depending on the forecast.

## Health and safety

The wellbeing of your team is incredibly important to us. All activities are comprehensively risk assessed and a copy will be provided to you ahead of time. On the day, our experienced staff will provide full guidance on all tasks and training for any equipment being used or specific techniques required. We also offer group leaders the opportunity to arrange a pre-visit if you would like to carry out your own site assessments or discuss any particular requirements with our team.

## Catering

Our onsite caterers, Benugo would be delighted to discuss catering requirements for your day. As well as supplying teas and coffees, they offer a range of freshly prepared chilled food options that can be delivered to you. Of course, you are welcome to bring packed lunches or visit the onsite café if you prefer.

In fine weather, a picnic in the park is a lunchtime treat but we do also have an indoor classroom that we can reserve for your group in case of rain.

For full details of Benugo's seasonal delivery menu options for breakfast, lunch and snacks and sweet treats, please see:

<https://www.benugo.com/delivery>



## Costs and availability

We don't charge a per person rate for team volunteering days but donations towards the essential materials and equipment for the day are much appreciated.

Team volunteering days can take place throughout the year. All the work our volunteers do at Gunnersbury Park and Museum is designed to contribute to our long term maintenance and development plans for the estate. As a result, there may be times of year when have fewer opportunities available.

We can accommodate groups of varying sizes, depending on the activities we are doing, so please contact us to discuss your specific requirements.

## Getting here

Gunnersbury Park is easily accessible by public transport and private car.

Bus: E3, 65, H91

Tube: Acton Town; South Ealing

Train: Kew Bridge

Car parking: a small car park is accessible via Popes Lane. Look for the lane signed Gunnersbury Park and Capel Manor College.

## Contacts

To discuss the requirements of your team and the potential volunteering opportunities available please contact our volunteering team:

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