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VOLUNTEER BIRD FEEDERS NEEDED AT THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM!

The Yorkshire Arboretum is looking for a volunteer to feed its pride of peacocks and its confusion of guinea fowl. Yes – those are the correct, and apt, collective nouns!

Arboretum Director John Grimshaw explained “Our decorative and noisy birds are a much-loved feature of the arboretum. We’re hoping that someone, or perhaps a couple of people who live locally, could make sure they’re fed every day. Whoever takes on the job can be certain of a warm welcome from the birds!”

The Yorkshire Arboretum already has a team of over 100 volunteers who give their time, skills and enthusiasm to support the work of this popular local attraction. Many are busy outdoors caring for the trees and shrubs, both at the arboretum and across the road in Ray Wood at Castle Howard, or working as part of the Outdoor Education team, supporting school group visits. Volunteers also work in Visitor Services, providing a warm welcome to all arboretum users. Some want to learn new skills or enhance their CV, while others have time to spare and enjoy working with like-minded people in lovely surroundings.

Volunteer Coordinator Christine Pietrowski, herself a volunteer, said “There are several volunteer roles available at the arboretum currently. In addition to the bird-feeding role we’re also hoping to find a daily plant-waterer for our Visitor Centre and add to our Ray Wood maintenance team. We’d love to hear from anyone who might want to join us.”

More information is available at [www: yorkshirearboretum.org/volunteering](http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org/volunteering) or email volunteer@yorkshirearboretum.org.

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PHOTOS

Attached.

Caption “The Yorkshire Arboretum’s peacocks and guinea fowl are in need of a volunteer to look after them”

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust’s patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 4pm every day from March – November, with extended opening at weekends from May – October. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there’s a children’s woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £6 for adults, £3 for juniors (12-16) and £15 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

The arboretum’s annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

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