

Volunteering For Business

Mires Beck Nursery

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A photograph of a forest path with a semi-transparent text box on the right side. The path is made of dirt and is surrounded by lush green trees and undergrowth. The text box is white with a light green border and contains a list of activities.

Days Out In Nature

- Woodland Path Clearing
- Reinstatement of Edging
- Tree Planting
- Tree Felling
- Tree Health Inspections
- Woodland Craft Making
- Brash Clearing
- Weed Trimming
- Wildflower Planting
- Shrub Planting
- ❖ We Hold Schedules For Tasks

Maintaining Our Site

- General Garden Maintenance
- New Garden Schemes
- Heritage Path Cleaning
- Maintenance of Gravel Paths
- Bench Seasonal Treatments
- Rabbit Proof Fencing
- Fence Painting & Repairs
- Building Painting
- General Building Repairs
- New Horticultural Structures
- Irrigation Projects
- Pond Clearing
- ❖ Available all year





Wildflower Production

We grow thousands of Yorkshire species wildflowers each year and have official days when these delicate seedlings are 'pricked out' to be planted into our special cells which house this stock.

This period is usually between **May - June** and can only be determined when stock is ready. Being a natural product, we are weather dependent.

This work requires delicate hands and attention to detail and early arrival is required for training before these tiny plants are transferred from seed trays.

❖ **3 weeks notice is given for this activity once people are recorded as interested.**



Vegetable Production

Our vegetable production is volunteer led and requires support from people interested in food growing.

We use the fresh vegetables and herbs onsite on our café event days and to sell in our retail area.

We have 10 large vegetable beds which need weeding, watering and composting.

❖ Stock needs picking each week for retail, especially for the weekends and events. Some vegetable know how would be appreciated.

Seasonal Plant Work

We grow over 50,000 plants and herbs each year and supply onsite retail and wholesale customers.

Plant work includes:

- Potting Up/ Weeding/ Propagation/Watering
- Preparing For Dispatch/ Labelling/ Pot Recycling
- ❖ **We are happy to introduce people to these tasks from March to August.**
- The stock must be displayed for our onsite retail, and we hold regular events where replenishment of benches and beds is essential.
- ❖ **Help in this work is always required.**
- During the season we dry culinary herbs to sell in our retail hut and at the end of the season harvest lavender from our gardens to turn into gifts.
- ❖ **We are happy to invite people to join the lavender harvest at 2 weeks notice at the end of summer.**



Craft For Retail

- All our wood craft is made by volunteers. We use all donated wood to make bird boxes, bug hotels, insect and bat boxes.
- We also make art for our woodland to enhance the customer journey.
- The insect boxes and bug hotels require various 'inners' and are made to order depending on size and price.
- ❖ Interest in woodcraft or skills in carpentry would be helpful to our volunteers who only work one day per week.



Retail

❖ **Help is always needed in our retail sales area.**

Tasks involve -

- Helping with displays/labelling
 - Dead heading
 - Watering
 - Helping customers find stock
 - Helping the assistants at the pay area
- ❖ **This help is especially needed on scheduled event days.**



Tree Nursery

- Nut & Seed Planting
- Preparing Tree Cells
- Pricking Out of Seed Varieties
- Pest Control & Watering
- Tree Grading
- Stock control
- Dispatch Readiness
- Labelling
- ❖ These tasks are available at Mires Beck North Cave and our Tree Nursery at Wilberfoss nr Pocklington, E.Yorks.





Coming On Site

We require all employees to email our Site Manager to book a day at the nursery:

Info@miresbeck.co.uk

We would ask that people arrive sensibly dressed for seasonal weather and with appropriate footwear for working on a rural horticultural site.

We will provide gardening gloves and any other necessary PPE.

We will provide refreshments only but are able to cater for team bonding days.

If larger group activity is required, or specific rural craft or art in nature sessions are preferred, please email:

Karen@miresbeck.co.uk

Thank You

From all the community at Mires Beck Nursey, we welcome you to this place of goodness and calm. We hope you will enjoy being part of our community for a short time, whilst reaping the benefits of being out and in nature. You will enjoy meeting many characters amongst our service user base and be well cared for by amazing staff and volunteers. Please see further information on business volunteering by following this link: www.miresbeck.co.uk/volunteering-for-business/

Please note we are also able to hold group sessions with available teachers for woodland craft, wood carving, flower arranging/wreath making, nature-based art classes. Please contact: Karen@miresbeck.co.uk if you would like to arrange a team bonding day.

