



THE FRIENDS OF Rowntree Park

Leaf/Snow Clearing Volunteer Role Description

About the role	Rowntree Park is filled with beautiful trees, which, during the autumn, means falling leaves. We need a small team of people to help to keep the park clear of leaves. During the colder months, we also need volunteers to clear snow from the paths, and do some gritting when it's icy. All of this helps to make sure that the park is safe and accessible for our visitors.
When do we need volunteers?	We need volunteers to rake leaves throughout the autumn, from October to December. We run regular sessions (usually at the weekend), and you can come to as many or as few as you like. Once you've done your induction, you can also come and do some clearing whenever suits you. For obvious reasons, we only call on our snow clearers and gritters occasionally! If you sign up for this role, we'll keep your details on file and let you know when we need volunteers.
Who are we looking for?	Anyone who has some time in autumn or winter to grab a shovel or a rake and do some clearing!
What is the commitment?	This is an occasional seasonal role: we'll let you know when we need people to help with clearing and you can come along if you're available. During the autumn we run regular leaf-raking sessions (usually at the weekend), and in the winter we call on volunteers to grit or clear snow when the weather requires it.
What will I get from the role?	If you're looking for an occasional role that makes a big difference to the park, this is a great one. It's a satisfying task where you can make a big difference in a short period of time. All the leaves collected are used to make leafmould, which we then use as compost, so the park will benefit from your hard work twice over. Raking and clearing are also great for your fitness, meaning that you'll get the physical benefits of being outside and active, and a boost to your overall wellbeing by volunteering in your community.
What training do I need?	All volunteers need to attend a short induction session before they start their role. Once you have completed the session, you will be covered by City of York Council insurance while volunteering.
References and DBS	We do not ask for references or a DBS check for this role.
How do I sign up?	To get involved, please fill in our volunteer registration form . If you've got any questions, email volunteer@rowntreepark.org.uk .