Frequently Asked Questions

What is the process for becoming a volunteer for Shaun the Sheep Summer?

We ask all volunteers to complete an application form, with references that we can contact. There will be two recruitment events, and we would ask that you come along to one so that we can get to know you. It is up to you if you would like to apply before or after the recruitment event. The deadline for applying though is 30th June.

Do I need any specific skills to volunteer?

We just ask that you're enthusiastic and bubbly in talking to all groups of people, including children, and so there is no prior experience needed! All attendees will be coming with parents/carers who always remain responsible for their child and so you will not require a DBS check. All volunteers need to be over the age of 16. The Farmathalon role will require you to be on your feet engaging with families throughout their shift. You will also need to be able to reach the ground to reset activities.

I am unable to come to a recruitment day, can I still volunteer?

Please get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator, Charlotte, and she can arrange to meet with you when convenient to sit down and have a chat about our exciting plans.

Can you help me with applying?

Please contact us if you need any help with applying or would like the application form in a different format.

What are the dates for volunteering?

The Find the Flock trail will be running in the Cathedral from 28th July- 31st August. The Farmathalon will be running from the 29th July – 2nd August and 19th August – 23rd August. You will be able to self-allocate your shifts on our online rota platform, and these will be half day shifts. You can choose if you would prefer to do one role or a mixture of both!

What jobs will I be doing?

Please have a look at our role descriptions which describe this in more detail.

Am I able to park at the Cathedral?

Parking is permitted in the Precincts only while actively on duty as a volunteer, however there is no guaranteed right to parking. You will be able to apply for a parking permit when you have your induction.

What training will I be given?

There will be a video induction which covers the basics of volunteering across the different events. There will then be an induction session on the 28th July for those involved in the Farmathalon, which will show you the different activity roles. We are looking for enthusiastic, bubbly people who want our visitors to come away having had an exciting day out. A duty manager will be there at each session to support you.

Do I get any expenses paid?

Travel expenses are paid at the discretion of the Volunteer Coordinator. We do not wish for expenses incurred to be a barrier for those wishing to volunteer with us. Please make the Volunteer

Coordinator aware if you wish to claim expenses for travel on public transport, which will be considered with discretion.

I have a disability; can I still volunteer?

Peterborough Cathedral is committed to being an inclusive employer. Please let us know of any adjustments required so that we can have a conversation about whether this is the right role for you. With a busy Summer of Shaun the Sheep, we can talk to you about other opportunities that you might be interested in supporting with us with.

If you have a question that hasn't been answered here, please come along to one of our recruitment events to find out more or get in touch with us to talk.