

AVIATION FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT PACK



ABOUT US

A year-round visitor attraction in the heart of Bedfordshire, Old Warden aerodrome is one of the only remaining grass airfields in the country. The visitor attraction is made up of the Collection, Swiss Garden, Shuttleworth House, and extensive surrounding Parkland. It also boasts an on-site café.

As well as daily visitation, Shuttleworth offers regular events, including a summer air show season that welcomes around 29,000 visitors each year, family and commercial events, private hire opportunities and weddings.

As an educational charity, we are proud to offer a range of learning opportunities to schools and colleges. Our engineering apprenticeship programme has led to many of our in-house engineering team working with us for many years.

The Collection

Honouring the legacy of our patron, Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, The Shuttleworth Collection is a treasure trove of airworthy vintage aircraft from 1909-1950, agricultural and steam exhibits, veteran vehicles, classic motorcycles, bicycles, carriages, and buses.

Swiss Garden

Beautifully restored, this RHS partner garden is a unique example of a Regency Garden in the 'Alpine' style.

Shuttleworth House

Shuttleworth House hosts a range of events throughout the year, as well as being a hugely popular wedding venue. There are various spaces available for corporate bookings and away-days.

Parkland

The Shuttleworth site includes stunning lakes and parkland which can be hired for events and is open to various public walking routes.



The Shuttleworth Trust – registered charity: 307534 – was set up to honour the life and legacy of Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, a keen aviator, racing driver and horse racer, who was tragically killed in 1940 during a night training exercise for the RAF.

AVIATION FIREFIGHTER

We are looking for volunteer Aviation Firefighters to play an integral part in supporting the emergency response and duties of the Shuttleworth Collection's Air Shows, flying events and other ground based events across the estate executing excellence and high standards in delivering the Shuttleworth Trust's charitable objectives.

Become an integral part of a dedicated team committed to ensuring the safety and preservation of aviation heritage as a Volunteer Aviation Firefighter with the Shuttleworth Trust. In this critical and rewarding role, you will play a key part in protecting our historic aircraft, our vibrant estate and our community that visit us all year round.

As a Volunteer Aviation Firefighter, you will receive specialised training that equips you with the skills necessary to respond effectively to emergencies. This training covers a wide range of essential knowledge, Skills and Behaviours including fire prevention, emergency response, and the unique challenges of our airshows and events. Whether you are a seasoned professional or a newcomer to the industry, the Shuttleworth Trust welcomes individuals from all backgrounds who share a passion for aviation and a commitment to safety.

Volunteering as an aviation firefighter offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of aviation while making a tangible impact on public safety. You will forge lasting friendships, build teamwork skills, and take pride in being part of a mission that preserves our shared aviation heritage for future generations.

Core duties and responsibilities:

- To attend a minimum 30% of all events and training sessions per quarter.
- To comply with all health and safety requirements as laid out by The Shuttleworth Trust.
- To ensure that all equipment is used and operated in a safe manner and according to documented procedures.
- To ensure that you are physically fit and maintain a level of physical and mental fitness to perform the range of duties commensurate with your role and to ensure that you are current to any applicable mandatory medical requirements.
- To comply with all policies, the contents of the Airfield manual and Standard Operating Procedures. (SOPs)
- To ensure competence in the operation of all service vehicles.
- To effectively operate all required equipment and to report and record any deficiencies to the Watch Commander/ Duty Fire Officer.
- To respond to all emergencies in accordance with SOPs.
- To document all activities immediately after completion of task.
- To assist with carrying out tests and inspections of equipment including quality control, as detailed in SOP's, CAA regulated documents, National Operational Guidance or manufacturers handbooks.
- Be proficient in the administration of First Aid and render medical assistance when required.
- To maintain personal appearance, hygiene and cleanliness of uniform and PPE in keeping with a disciplined service.



CANDIDATE SPECIFICATION

E=Essential/D=Desirable/HD=Highly Desirable

Qualifications:

- You must be over 18 years of age. (E)
- Live within 25 miles of Old Warden Aerodrome. (D)
- You should be available for a substantial portion of the Shuttleworth Collection Flying Display days along with other events and duties particularly throughout the summer months. (HD)
- You should be available for a substantial portion of weekly training sessions which are held on Wednesday evenings. (E)
- You should be available to undertake other activities in connection with the operations of the fire service from time to time (D)

Evidence - Application / Interview

Knowledge and Experience:

- Holder of an emergency first aid at work certificate or higher medical qualification. (D)
- Holder of a Lower Category Fire-fighter or Lower Category Aerodrome Supervisor certificate or equivalent. (D)
- Service within and experience of local authority fire and rescue services or aviation RFFS. (D)
- To be familiar with CAA Documentation CAP 168 and 699. (D)
- Experience of radio communications procedures. (D)
- Experience of working in an aviation environment would be a distinct advantage. (D)

Evidence - Application / Interview

Personal Attributes:

- Versatility; a willingness to learn new skills and broaden your knowledge. (E)
- Ability to work under strict quality criteria. (E)
- Willingness to work during the airshow season (mainly April to October) on weekends and some weekdays. (E)
- Personal development; a willingness to self-teach (researching, reading etc) to learn and develop new skills and techniques, to learn from colleagues, to participate in necessary courses and 'on the job' training as required. (E)
- Teamwork and camaraderie. (E)
- Demonstrable interest in emergency response, aviation and vintage aviation. (E)

Evidence - Application / Interview

- Right to Work in the UK (E)

Evidence - Interview / Original physical documentation



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Job Title:	Aviation Firefighter (Volunteer)
Reports to:	Fire Service Manager
Direct Reports:	Watch Commander
Volunteering Pattern:	2 hours training per week, training days, duty days and weekends (namely the air show and other ground events)
Job Type:	Volunteer
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discounted food• Store Discount• Complementary Airshow Tickets• First Aid Training & Qualifications• Annual Awards Evening
Schedule:	Wednesday Training 19:00-21:00. Various Weekends and Some Weekdays.
Licence/Certification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Firefighting Experience - (Preferred but Not Essential)• Driving License (Essential)• Fire & Rescue Related Certification (Preferred but Not Essential)• Medical Qualification Certification (Preferred but Not Essential)
Work Location:	Fire Station/ Estate/ Airfield
Reference ID:	Aviation Firefighter



HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this role, please submit an application outlining your suitability for the role using the link or QR Code. **APPLY HERE**

We look forward to hearing from you.



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