

Ripon Deanery Outdoor Spirituality Project Lead (0.6 FTE)

Fixed-term (12 months) | £28,665 FTE

Join us in reimagining faith in the outdoors

Ripon Deanery is seeking a passionate, creative, and collaborative individual to help shape the future of **outdoor spirituality** across our churches and communities.

This is a unique opportunity to explore how encounters with God can be nurtured beyond church walls—through nature, shared experiences, and imaginative new expressions of faith.

If you are energised by innovation, inspired by the natural world, and excited by supporting churches to grow in new ways, we would love to hear from you.

About the Role

As **Outdoor Spirituality Project Lead**, you will:

- **Discover and connect** – map and share the wide range of existing outdoor spirituality initiatives across the Deanery
- **Inspire and shape vision** – develop a deanery-wide strategy for outdoor spirituality
- **Encourage collaboration** – bring parishes together to create and grow new outdoor experiences
- **Research and resource** – gather best practice from across the UK.
- **Equip others** – identify or deliver training to support those leading outdoor activities
- **Create practical guidance** – develop a good practice guide for parishes
- **Champion the work** – represent the Deanery confidently in wider conversations and forums

This role offers freedom to innovate, build relationships, and make a lasting impact on how faith is explored and experienced.

Who We're Looking For

We're looking for someone who is:

- A **creative and dynamic self-starter** with a passion for innovation

- A **strong communicator and collaborator** who can inspire others
- Experienced in **parish or Church of England contexts**
- Confident in **organising outdoor activities** and managing risk safely
- Skilled in **research, planning, and developing ideas into practice**
- Able to engage with **people of all ages and backgrounds**
- Committed to **safe practice and safeguarding**
- Driven by a **personal Christian faith**

Formal outdoor qualifications are welcome but not essential.

Why this role matters

Outdoor spirituality offers a powerful way to connect people with faith—especially those who may never step inside a church. This role will help unlock new possibilities for mission, wellbeing, and community engagement across Ripon Deanery.

Key Details

- **Hours:** 0.6 FTE (flexible working considered)
 - **Contract:** 12 months fixed-term
 - **Salary:** £28,665 FTE
 - **Location:** Across Ripon Deanery (travel required)
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Be part of something new

This is more than a job—it's a chance to cultivate fresh expressions of faith, connect people with the beauty of creation, and support churches to grow in imaginative and meaningful ways.

We warmly encourage applications from those who feel called to make a difference in this exciting area of ministry.