

Why do we need your help?

What is special about the Ashridge Estate? Well, apart from the pleasant walks and convenient facilities it is home to

- **Ancient trees**
- **The oldest road in Britain**
- **Fascinating fungi**
- **Carpets of bluebells**
- **Breathtaking views**
- **A haven for wildlife**

all of which need resources for the National Trust to maintain for us and future generations

Ashridge is not just special; it's 5,000 acres of unique countryside in a beautiful part of the Chilterns with free access for all.

We need your help to keep it that way.



Make a difference today



Without our volunteers, the Estate would be a very different place. Volunteers from within the Friends of Ashridge help out in many ways including:

Conservation: Get out in the fresh air and help to conserve the Estate. Meet every other Thursday and/or monthly on a Sunday.

Litter Picking: Monthly over the whole Estate.

Shop and Box Office: Our National Trust shop & the events booking office are generally manned by volunteers.

Education: over 2000 children visit the Estate each year to learn and have fun. We need volunteers to assist the Learning and Interpretation Officer.

Monument: Offering visitors a superb view of the surrounding countryside. Volunteers assist in opening the Monument and collecting ticket money.

Events: Friends help with co-ordinating and staging events at Ashridge, including their own events, in particular the very successful Plant Fair in May.

Mobility Vehicles: Enabling less mobile visitors to access the woods.

To get involved in volunteering with these and other activities, please: contact the Visitor Services Manager on (01442) 851227, or e-mail: ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk Or send a letter to: Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Moneybury Hill, Ringshall, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1 LX

**Unspoilt Countryside.
Help us keep it that way.**



Ashridge needs YOU!

The 'Friends of Ashridge', who are they and how do they help?

The 'Friends of Ashridge' is an organisation of people who love the woodlands and open spaces of the Ashridge area, and who want to help to preserve this beautiful environment.

In 1925, Ashridge was put up for sale and a number of people, mainly local, subscribed money for its preservation and invited the National Trust to manage the property.

Over the years, the Friends of Ashridge have continued to help and support the National Trust in many ways in their care of the Estate.

Join the 'Friends of Ashridge' What will you receive?

Reduced prices

Discounts on guided walks, talks and a range of other events at Ashridge throughout the year.

(See the Ashridge events leaflet for full details.)

Twice yearly newsletter

Keeping you up to date on events, meetings and news around the Estate.

Exclusive Friends Events

Posted invitations to Friends-only events around the Estate during the year.

... a Warm Glow!

The warm glow of knowing that your subscription will directly help conservation at Ashridge.

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How YOUR membership helps the Estate!

Ashridge is self-funded with free access and free car-parking all year round.

Your annual subscription of **£8.00** helps us to continue our vital conservation work around the Estate as well as providing you with regular news about what is going on – plus discounts on walks, talks & other events.

Many Friends of Ashridge are also **actively** involved in many ways caring for the Estate, and volunteer their time to really make a difference.

See overleaf for details about how you can get involved; there's something for everyone.



Membership Form

Name(s) & title(s): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone No: _____

Please complete the above details and send this form with a cheque for your subscription/s (£8.00/person) made payable to "Friends of Ashridge" to the Membership Secretary:

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Please note that:

- If you have recently joined as a new National Trust member at Ashridge, you will be offered one year of free membership to the 'Friends of Ashridge'.
- You automatically become a "Friend of Ashridge" if you volunteer on a regular basis.

Why not join today?