

PRESS RELEASE

## **Young Nature Enthusiasts Wanted for Role on Junior Board**

One of Norfolk's largest attractions is on the hunt for budding David Attenborough's to join its Junior Board.

Pensthorpe Natural Park, near Fakenham, is searching for young nature enthusiasts aged between eight and 11 to help shape the development of the reserve.

The Pensthorpe Junior Board, which launched in 2015, aims to offer passionate young people an opportunity to develop their learning and gain some practical experience about running a modern nature reserve.

Twelve board members will be selected and invited to join the team at the reserve for up to four creative brainstorming sessions a year. The meetings will be an opportunity for the Junior Board to input into the development of new attractions, road-test ideas and feedback on what the next generation want from a family day out.

In return, the board members will receive an annual pass to Pensthorpe for up to four people and be invited to special launch events.

Louis Reinheld, aged seven, from Bagthorpe is a current member of the Junior Board and comments: "It's a good thing to be involved in because we get to tell grown-ups what children really enjoy about nature."

Freddie Hingley, aged six, from Weasenham, is also a current member of the Junior Board and adds: "We hope that more children will be interested in wildlife because we have helped."

Inspiring future generations to learn about and appreciate the wonders of the natural world is integral to Pensthorpe as owner, Deb Jordan, comments: "We passionately want to encourage young people away from technology and to get them out into the countryside to spend quality time with their families.

“Our Junior Board never fail to inspire and engage us with their insights. In return we impart our knowledge of the wonders of the natural world and get them involved in our conservation projects. It’s a collaborative partnership which inspires everyone involved!”

To enter, applicants should email [danielle.chatten@pensthorpe.com](mailto:danielle.chatten@pensthorpe.com) with 250 words about why they love nature, a photo of them doing their favourite thing outdoors and a summary of why Pensthorpe should pick them to be a member of the Junior Board team.

Applicants must be aged between eight and 11 years of age, based in Norfolk, and be prepared to commit to up to four meetings per year (dates to be during term time, outside of school hours and confirmed in advance) for a period of up to two years. Applicants must be happy to be involved in publicity and appear in photoshoots. A passion for wildlife and nature is a must!

The deadline for applications is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of the closing date and the first meeting will be held in July.

For more information about Pensthorpe visit [pensthorpe.com](http://pensthorpe.com) or call 01328 851465.

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### **Editors Notes**

\*The Pensthorpe Explorer is a seasonal attraction and carries an additional charge to the entry fee. Adults & Seniors: £5.00, Children: £4.00, Annual Members: £4.50. The Pensthorpe Explorer starts 30<sup>th</sup> March until 28<sup>th</sup> October. Limited capacity. Unsuitable for wheelchair users.

Pensthorpe Natural Park is on the A1067, one mile from Fakenham and just over 20 miles from the city of Norwich. Open all year (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day):-

1st January – 28th February, 10am – 4pm

1<sup>st</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 5pm

25<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 6pm

6<sup>th</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 10am – 5pm

Entry prices: Adults £11.95, Seniors £10.95, Children £10.95, Under 3's free. Annual Members are free. Parking is free.

Online booking discount of £1 per person applies to tickets booked in advance.

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