

# Volunteer Role Profile



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**Wildlife Conservation Volunteer**

Volunteer Manager

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Where you will be based

**Community**

## Why we want you

This role supports conservation practices and assists us with creating thriving habitats for wildlife by monitoring and carry out maintenance tasks.

## What you will be doing

- Helping us with a variety of woodland maintenance tasks including tree planting, invasive species control, wildflower meadow creation, pond creation, hedge laying, litter-picking
- Assist and carry out minor estate maintenance tasks with emphasis on fences, gates, paths and tracks
- Record and monitor wildlife in conjunction with your volunteer manager
- Carry out surveys (wildlife, wildflower, tree, birds and visitor)
- Walk Woodland Trust woods and key sites on a regular basis noting and reporting things such as: interesting wildlife, maintenance issues or site problems/damaging activities
- Carry out tasks at the volunteer manager's request, only where appropriate training and equipment is available and safety procedures are adhered to
- Represent the Trust in an appropriate manner when on site and inspire others to support us by referring any visitors to further information
- An important step when gathering wildlife observations (biological records) is to submit those records to a national database. Full details, guidance and training on best practice for submitting the biological records you collect on Woodland Trust sites will be provided
- Operating within our Volunteer Charter, policies, procedures, and guidelines

## The skills you need

- Understanding and support of the Woodland Trust's principles of woodland management
- Ability to communicate with the public sensitively and tactfully and explain the benefits of about wildlife management if needed
- Ability to work as part of a team
- An understanding of manual handling techniques and a reasonable level of fitness
- A sensible regard for health and safety



## **What's in it for you**

- Learn more about the wildlife and plant species on our sites
- Learn practical conservation / outdoor skills.
- An excellent opportunity to support the UK's largest woodland conservation charity
- A full induction to the Woodland Trust and access to a range of training

## **Disclaimer**

An interview and two references will be required for this role, and training will need to be completed before the role commences. Please ensure you have known referees for more than 6 months and they are not a partner, close relative, or Woodland Trust employee. Former or current work colleagues, friends, volunteers, and neighbours that have known you for more than 6 months are some examples that would be fine.

Expenses will be reimbursed for return journeys from home based on public transport cost or mileage at standard rates for the Woodland Trust.

As a volunteer you may have the opportunity to support the Trust at events in your area. We will contact you when these occasions arise to see if you are available and would like to help.