Volunteer Work Supplement

Volunteering for Your Wildlife Trust

I firmly believe that all careers in conservation are borne from an appreciation of wildlife, and the desire to do your very best for it. This appreciation, for me came at a very young age, walking and playing in nearby woodlands, making rudimentary nets for catching tadpoles and taking discarded bird feathers home for my father to identify, all of the time slowly building on my skills and experiences, that would one day enable me to work for my local Wildlife Trust.

I first started volunteering with the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales (WTSWW) whilst at college in 2000, undertaking species surveys, managing habitats and getting to grips with writing reports. All my volunteering and passed experiences have led to my current role as Wildlife and Wetland Advisory Officer, allowing me to visit and work in some of the finest countryside Wales has to offer, all in search of rare wildlife such as dormice, bats, otters and water voles. For me, the experiences gained from volunteering are fundamental to the work I do now, but it was only until I started working for the Wildlife Trust did I realise just how important volunteers are to the organisation and the numerous reasons why people choose to volunteer and the vital function they perform. Robert Parry, Wildlife and Wetland Advisory Officer.

Having decided to pursue higher education in Environmental Conservation in the UK, I never anticipated that I would remain here so many years later having settled comfortably in Cardiff, my new home after living in the Middle East most of my life.

I am fortunate to be volunteering for the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales who have acted as a great educational guardian since I first made contact with them. Although I initially sought work in ecological surveillance, I have had the privilege of working in practical habitat management. This has had the added benefit of increasing my contact with nature and enhancing my understanding of the natural processes, the various practical managerial prescriptions within the constraints posed by resources and policy. I have also benefited from the proximity of working with a dedicated team of knowledgeable volunteers.

Furthermore, the opportunities offered by the Trust to take part in bat, dormice and water vole surveys did not take long to bring benefits. Shortly after assisting with those, I was able to obtain paid work from a private consultancy firm surveying bats, which in turn has led to increased positive feedback from recruitment agencies.

My journey of acquiring skills continues, however, I have also learnt of one aspect of volunteering that is as important and that is developing confidence in one’s personal abilities. Such confidence will come across to potential employers looking for trustworthy and talented characters as well as skilled ones. Dunia Llewellyn, volunteer.

For further details about volunteering for The Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales please contact Amanda Yeoman on 01656 724100 or info@welshwildlife.org

Wales:

MUCK IN! Volunteer with BTCV Cymru in North West Wales and learn a range of practical environmental conservation skills whilst helping to preserve and improve your local environment: Hedge laying, drystone walling, pond building, coppicing, tree planting, habitat management, and more. Gain work experience, meet people and work towards accredited qualifications while you volunteer. BTCV is the UK's largest practical conservation charity, working with people of all ages and backgrounds, "Inspiring people, improving places". For more information, phone our Bangor office on 01248 679966 or email NW-wales@btcv.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB 2 VOLUNTARY ASSISTANT SITE MANAGERS
BE4 10/3/08 LOC WELSH WILDLIFE CENTRE, CARDIGAN, WALES
PAY free accom & food voucher. Training FOR THE WILDLIFE TRUST FOR SOUTH & WEST WALES
**Job: Day & Night Cafe Assistant**

**DES**
Part of a team managing busy reserve & Visitor centre. Practical work, surveys & assist with visitor gps. BUT Suits recent graduate seeking experience. **ASK** CV to Phil Ward, Welsh Wildlife Centre, Cilgerran, Cardigan, SA43 2TB p.ward@welshwildlife.org 07989 346562

**REF** VOL-DIRECT-10/3 **JOB** DAY & NIGHT CAFE ASSISTANTS
BE4 5/3/08 IV overnight 15-16/3/08 **LOC** FLAT HOLM ISLAND
PAY 0 + accom/food/travel/ training & equipment budget FOR CARDIFF COUNTY COUNCIL
DES Great opportunity to live & work on an Island Nature Reserve (SSSI & LNR) in the Bristol Channel. Demanding yet rewarding position. Gain experience in: practical habitat work; livestock husbandry; leading guided tours for visitors; leading vol work parties, wildlife monitoring; env education; building maintenance & more. Rota: vols work 10 days on island followed by 4 days leave (all weather dependent). BUT Need enthusiasm, flexibility, 6+ mths commitment, with strong social skills. 16-24’s can join millennium Volunteer programme **ASK** send CV & covering letter to Flat Holm Project, c/o Channel View Leisure Centre, Jim Driscoll Way, Grangetown, Cardiff CF11 7HB 02920 353917
flatholmproject@cardiff.gov.uk Further information on the island can be found at: www.cardiff.gov.uk/flatholm

**Job: Canoe Safari Operator**

**DES**
Support canoe safari operation: setting out/clearing away & returning canoes, equipment to & from maintenance yard. Greet customers & provide basic canoe instruction, ensure H&S strictly adhered to. BUT Desirable: BCU Level 2 qual or similar, First Aid Cert, life saving qual. Must be confident with excellent spoken communication & customer care skills. Previous experience of canoeing & working in a visitor attraction or similar.

**Job: Bicycle Trail & Pond Dipping Operator**

**DES**
Ensure areas are properly set up, greet visitors, provide instruction & advice on riding the bicycles, ensure bikes are safe to use, checked between use, cleaned & maintained as necessary. Explain how to engage in pond dipping activity & provide information/encourage learning. Clear & lock up at end of day. Ensure H&S obligations met. BUT Cycle Proficiency & First Aid Certs. Confident with excellent spoken communication skills & customer care, experience of working in visitor attraction or similar with young people. Able to use own initiative & take responsibility when dealing with the public. Both: PAY in house training. Seasonal: weekends during holiday periods & weekends plus weekdays during school holidays. **ASK** Nigel Williams or Eleanor Keatley 01552 741087

**Job: Cafe / Catering Assistant**

**DES**
Half a day – 1 day per week. The café is a popular facility within the reserve & offers a chance to meet & work with our visitors & to help provide a very important service. We need people to bring new ideas & eyes to a working café. Staffing café; serving members of the public, washing up by machine, assisting in efficient running of the café. Training in food hygiene & catering & a chance to enjoy free birdwatching at this excellent site! **BUT** To enjoy working with people. Good customer care skills. Basic food hygiene

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*RSPB Mid Wales, c / o Forestry Commission, Bwlch Nant yr Arian, Ceredigion SY23 3AB 07843363707 joe.hawthorne@rspb.org.uk*
an advantage but not essential. Clean & tidy appearance & pleasant manner as duties incl face-to-face contact with the public.

**Membership Recruiter**
1 day a week. To assist staff & other vols running recruitment & information stands in the Visitor Centre. Recruiting members provides support for the RSPB valuable conservation work. Opportunity to meet people from a wide variety of backgrounds, & to work as part of a small friendly team. **BUT** Good at talking to the public, with a friendly outgoing nature & ability to enthuse people about our work. Know, or willing to learn about, the benefits of RSPB membership. Able to stand for long periods.

**Reception & Retail Assistants**
1 day or 2 half days, hours to suit. Ensure all visitors have a pleasurable & interesting time! We aim to meet & greet all visitors to the reserves. Duties incl meeting the public, handling money & stock. RSPB shops & catalogues raise nearly 10% of our income. By volunteering in our shop you will help us present the RSPB in a friendly & professional manner. This will increase both the visitor's enjoyment & our income. Opportunity to meet people, gain new skills & assist the work of the RSPB. Opportunity to help our customers & gain an insight into the operation of a shop in the tourism field. **BUT** To enjoy working with the public, be accurate & reliable at handling money & stock. Customer care is an important aspect; previous retail experience useful but not essential as full training given.

**Handyman**
Flexible commitment, but 1 day per week desirable. Assist us with day to day light maintenance. To work as part of the reserve team & learn more about the reserve & build up skills. Excellent opportunity to make a genuine contribution to wildlife conservation. **BUT** Enthusiasm & an interest in conservation essential. Good level of fitness & DIY skills to help carry out minor repairs & maintenance. Up to date tetanus injection & enjoy working in a team. More information about the above positions from Jonathan Jones at the ASK details below, & JonathanJ.Cook@rspb.org.uk

**Guided Walks Leader (For Family & Young People Events)**
1 or 2 days per year, could incl early mornings. To facilitate the smooth running of our guided walks programme & ensure all 444deees enjoy themselves. Opportunity to learn more about the reserve, enjoy the great outdoors & meet many people of different ages, backgrounds & knowledge levels. Some walks involve leading groups onto parts of the reserve not usually open to the public. **BUT** Good natural history knowledge, a desire to help people & enthusiasm! Outgoing personality with reasonable knowledge of wildlife & good communication skills.

**Community & Education Programme Assistant**
Half day per week, during school terms/ flexible. Educating the next generation about the wonders of the natural world around them is becoming increasingly important. We want to be able to provide an educational programme that will inspire children about the Wetlands & the birds & animals that live there. This is your opportunity to provide hundreds of children with an introduction to the natural world through talks & fun activities. **BUT** Good communication skills, enthusiasm for birds & wildlife. No need to be an expert, we can provide bird ID training.

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**Reception & Office Assistant – Wales HQ**
One half day per week. Assist staff with day-to-day admin; filing, checking leaflets & stationary; answering phone; opening / despatching mail; some computer / keyboard work. Opportunity to contribute to the effectiveness of RSPB work, meet new people & gain new skills. **BUT** Good admin skills, incl basic computer literacy. Good communication skills. Interest in conservation issues useful but not essential.

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Volunteer Opportunities with The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

Nature Reserve, Llandudno Junction LL31 9XZ  01492 584091  rebecca.clews@rspb.org.uk

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PAY  Ongoing

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Volunteer Opportunities with The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales. An ideal opportunity for anyone wanting to pursue a career in conservation, with the possibility of getting involved in practical conservation tasks, events, and education activities. For more information visit www.welshwildlife.org or telephone 01656 724100.

SCRA - Speaking loud about Volunteers

The Scottish Countryside Rangers’ Association (SCRA) is the professional association unifying the voice of Rangers and associated professionals working in Scotland. And it is run by dedicated volunteers. Without the efforts of the volunteer support of SCRA, we would be unable to arrange training events, support Rangers working in Scotland by working on their behalf in discussions with Government, National Agencies and other NGO’s, organise national gatherings and raise thousands of pounds of sponsorship to support Rangers in other countries, providing vital training and equipment enabling them to carry out their duties. SCRA has just announced the implementation of its Three Year Development Plan, a plan which has valued the volunteer input of SCRA members at more than £50,000 over three years, almost certainly an underestimate.

Last year, SCRA undertook several surveys and gained a comprehensive picture of what it was like to work as a Ranger in Scotland. Unsurprisingly, like many areas of conservation work, Rangers spend a significant amount of time volunteering before they gain employment; in fact, the survey suggested that most Rangers spent more than 6 months, and many more than a year volunteering before they started work as a Ranger. Bob Reid, a Ranger with North Lanarkshire Council as well as an active member of SCRA Council and former SCRA Chair, has been working on the North Lanarkshire Scramble and Quad bike project. The value of volunteering to the project in the past year has been placed at £70,000 using the Volunteer Impact Assessment kit developed by Volunteer Scotland – a huge value when used as match funding in grant applications. Bob said ‘The challenges presented to us were significant, from persuading parents that their time was of value, and allowing them to realise that they were volunteers, to accessing training and support for our volunteers. Now, we have clear guidelines published on what the club offers volunteers in terms of support and the training we offer helps them to develop skills which they then use in other areas of their lives.’ The project was awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2007, and the project continues to set an example of best practice for others to follow in Scotland and around the UK.

The dedication, enthusiasm and passion that volunteers demonstrate through work with interests in specific projects, through to giving up their time to ensure that the voice of the Scottish Ranger is heard at all levels, is of immeasurable value and it is vital that the work of volunteers is recognised and supported and, applauded.

For more information please contact; Niall@scra-online.co.uk, SCRA Chair Or see: www.scra-online.co.uk www.nlsqbc.com

Scotland:

REF  VOL-DIRECT-10/3   JOB  AREN'T BIRDS BRILLIANT! ASSISTANTS
BE4  Ongoing   LOC  LLCHWEDD SLATE CAVERNS, BLAENAU Ffestiniog
PAY  0  Appropriate training & expenses FOR RSPB

REF  VOL-DIRECT-10/3   JOB PEREGRINES ON THE CLOCK TOWER
BE4  Ongoing   LOC  CARDIFF CITY CENTRE
PAY  0  Appropriate training & expenses FOR RSPB

REF  VOL-DIRECT-10/3   JOB TREASURER FOR THE FRIENDS OF CUMBERNAULD GREEN
BE4  ?   LOC  CUMBERNAULD
PAY 0 FOR FRIENDS OF CUMBERNAULD GLEN
DES Community gp working in partnership with the Scottish Wildlife Trust to promote & improve Cumbernauld Glen
Wildlife Reserve. FCG fundraises for money to support projects such as creating a wildflower meadow, holding events or
installing waymarkers. Responsible for handling money coming in & out of the gp & keeping financial records. Role need
take not up very much time, but there are opportunities to get more involved in other practical work of the gp if you want.
BUT Able to handle figures, computerate & with a little free time to devote to the gp. Previous experience with finances
or fundraising a bonus, but not necessary. ASK Karen Morrison, Chair, 01236 728841 k.v.Morrison@strath.ac.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB MIDWEEK GROUP CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS
BE4 N/A LOC INVERNESS, SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS
PAY 0 Transport from Inverness library, drinks & biscuits provided FOR BTCV SCOTLAND NORTH
DES Opportunity to join projects in & around Inverness, the Highlands & Islands. You will receive instruction &
training in various practical tasks, such as vegetation management, drystone walling, path construction, wildlife garden
maintenance. BUT Open to any person interested in joining us to carry out practical outdoor work for the benefit of the
env & community, on a vol basis. 14+ years of age to join the Highland Youth Programme, & work with us on practical
projects. ASK Chat: Keith Locke, 01463 811 560 k.locke@btcv.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-OK6 JOB PROJECT SCOTLAND CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER
BE4 Continuous recruitment LOC THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND
PAY £55 subsistence allowance* FOR SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST
DES Come & get conservation work experience on our network of wildlife reserves. You will undertake a wide variety
of practical conservation tasks on a variety of sites incl woodland management, habitat creation, cside woodland,
fencing, footpath construction & maintenance & many others. *Up to 52 weeks of work experience & training together
with travel payments. We can provide certified Lantra training for participants. BUT Must be willing to work outdoors &
be prepared to work regardless of the season or weather. Prepared to work as part of a team. Under 26 & willing to
volunteer for 30 hpw for 3+ months. ASK Peter Gilbert, 0131 312 4732 pgilbert@swt.org.uk

PAY 0 FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND
DES Ideally from 31st March to 29th August, but key mths are May, June & July. Assisting with seabird monitoring,
maintenance of the islands footpaths, buildings & other infrastructure, & providing a welcome service for visitors.
Excellent opportunity for someone seeking experience in rangering work. ASK Chat or application form contact Mark
Foxwell 01463 811497 mfoxwell@swt.org.uk

PAY 0 FOR NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND
DES Late March / early April 08 to late Sept 08. An excellent opportunity to gain valuable skills & experience of
nature conservation of the marine & coastal envs. Would suit recent graduate, placement student or someone starting a
career in conservation. Work closely with the St Abb's Ranger Service delivering outputs on a range of projects incl env
education & interpretation, ecological monitoring & practical management. BUT Desirable attributes: a rel qual, interest
in & knowledge of maritime wildlife; some experience in key areas of position; a driving licence. Essential attributes:
not take up very much time, but there are opportunities to get more involved in other practical work of the gp if you want. 
BUT Able to handle figures, computerate & with a little free time to devote to the gp. Previous experience with finances
or fundraising a bonus, but not necessary. ASK Karen Morrison, Chair, 01236 728841 k.v.Morrison@strath.ac.uk

PAY 0 FOR DOLPHIN SPACE PROGRAMME
DES Great opportunity to learn about local dolphin population & other marine wildlife. Gain real & useful conservation
& management skills. Take part in free wildlife guide training. Assist with all aspects of running the Programme, a wildlife
tourism partnership that provides a code of conduct, training & educational materials for responsible wildlife tour boats in Moray Firth. Admin & filing; website development; newsletter production; promotion & marketing; liaising with the media; writing articles; designing educational materials; guiding on wildlife tour boats; conducting customer research & collecting dolphin & other wildlife sightings data. Flexible hrs & period of commitment. BUT Interest in any of the following: wildlife, marine biology, conservation, env management, env education, nature/eco-tourism. Some rel educational background or work experience helpful & good admin, IT & organisational skills essential. Ideally local person with own transport. ASK Dr Deborah Benham, Project Officer 07921 106144 projectofficer@dolphinspace.org

BE4 ongoing LOC GREY MARE’S TAIL NATURE RESERVE, nr MOFFATT

PAY basic accom in remote loc, training FOR NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

DES volunteering detail to be discussed but should add to present information on this locally & nationally endangered native species. Excellent opportunity for thesis/dissertation. Expenses & research fund available. BUT Ability for lone working, motivated & energetic. Good time manager & able to prioritise & forward plan. Ability to manage small budget advantage. Strong interest in conservation & native species useful. Own car advantage. ASK Shona 01292 520929 shonaredsquirrel@btconnect.com

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB RED SQUIRREL RESEARCH PROJECT

BE4 ongoing LOC MORAY FIRTH, SCOTLAND

PAY allowance (All benefits protected) FOR SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST

DES We offer training & practical work experience to unemployed people on our reserves throughout Scotland. Chainsaw, Clearing Saw, Brushcutting & Strimming, Fencing, Footpath Construction, Tree Planting & other rural skills are taught as Lantra Qualifications. BUT Registered as unemployed, aged 18 or over & interested in outdoor work. ASK 01688 302620

REF VOL-DIRECT-OK9 JOB NEW DEAL

BE4 ? LOC Central Scotland, Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Fife, Borders & Tayside

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REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB GREEN GYM VOLUNTEERS

BE4 ? LOC CUMBERNAULD, N LANARKSHIRE

PAY training, equipment, tools, travel expenses, transport to & from site FOR BTVC SCOTLAND

DES Help with conservation tasks on Scottish WT reserves. Get fit & do your bit! Improve your own overall wellbeing & local env & have some fun. BUT No previous experience or skills required. ASK Alyson Hunter 01236 700457 gg-northlan@btcv.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB PEREGRINE WATCH VOLUNTEER

BE4 20/3/08 LOC GREY MARE’S TAIL NATURE RESERVE, nr MOFFATT

PAY basic accom in remote loc, training FOR NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

DES maintaining on site presence to prevent disturbance of breeding peregrines. Staffing a small visitor centre with CCTV monitor showing nest. Work alongside ranger, assisting with wildlife monitoring, guided walks & footpath maintenance. BUT 1+ week between April & July. Rel qual / experience pref. Hill-walking experience necessary. Happy being in a remote loc. ASK Dan Watson 01683 222714 dwatson@nts.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-24/3 JOB RED SQUIRREL RESEARCH PROJECT

BE4 ongoing LOC CUMBERNAULD, N LANARKSHIRE

PAY expenses, squirrel survey training FOR AYRSHIRE RED SQUIRREL GROUP

DES Project detail to be discussed but should add to present information on this locally & nationally endangered native species. Excellent opportunity for thesis/dissertation. Expenses & research fund available. BUT Ability for lone working, motivated & energetic. Good time manager & able to prioritise & forward plan. Ability to manage small budget advantage. Strong interest in conservation & native species useful. Own car advantage. ASK Shona 01292 520929 shonaredsquirrel@btconnect.com

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REF VOL-DIRECT-OK9 JOB NEW DEAL

BE4 ? LOC Central Scotland, Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Fife, Borders & Tayside

PAY allowance (All benefits protected) FOR SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST

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BTVSC Scotland is committed to the training and development of individuals working and volunteering in the community and on community and environmental projects. By supporting the development of community groups, volunteers and practitioners working in the community environmental sector we hope to increase capacity to enable community projects to be planned and delivered in a safe and sustainable way.

To view courses and book online go to www.btcv.org/shop or contact Helen on 01786 479697 or email Scotland-Training@btcv.org.uk

Would you like to help your local environment and get fit at the same time? With BTVC Green Gym you can do both, by joining us in our weekly afternoon sessions of practical conservation work. It's free to join in. For more details email/ call Ebony: 01463 811560 e.reid@btcv.org.uk

We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team of conservation volunteers in a wide variety of projects in and around Aberdeen. No previous experience is required - all you need to bring along is the wish to work outdoors and meet new people! Please contact Ullie 01224 724884/ u.wenzel@btcv.org.uk

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park run a programme of activities for volunteers and there’s sure to be something that suits you. 100% of our Volunteers said they would recommend volunteering to others! To find out more contact Zoe Morris, Volunteer Development Officer, 01389 722600 or email zoe.morris@lochlomond-trossachs.org

HWDT is a charity dedicated to the conservation of whales, dolphins and porpoise. During the summer months we encourage people to participate in visual and acoustic surveys aboard our research yacht. For more information please see www.hwdt.org or contact Morven Summers at volunteercoordinator@hwdt.org or 01688 302620
Wildlife data management volunteers needed. We are a small charity collating biodiversity data and providing a data to the public, local authorities and conservation bodies. Help is needed in sorting, checking and processing biodiversity records – training provided. We are based at Vogrie Country Park near Gorebridge, Edinburgh. Interested? Contact sara@lothianwildlife.co.uk

Help restore the Caledonian Forest! Volunteer on one of Trees for Life’s conservation Work Weeks in the Scottish Highlands and make a difference by carrying out essential for forest restoration work - tree planting, seed collecting, fence removal and more! Contact us on 01309 691292 or see www.treesforlife.org.uk for more information.

CSV Environment - Volunteering for a Healthy Lifestyle

CSV Environment is part of the national charity CSV (Community Service Volunteers), which is at the leading edge of volunteering and community action in the UK. CSV Environment aims to involve people with little or no environmental experience in improving the areas where they live and work. We tackle social exclusion and encourage active citizenship by providing opportunities for people of all ages and background to volunteer. Based in Birmingham and Bristol, we deliver a wide range of community-focused environmental projects, ranging from composting through cleaning up parks to growing local food.

Healthy Lifestyles Projects

Encouraging and supporting people to choose healthier lifestyles is an increasingly important part of CSV Environment’s work, with a strong focus on helping participants to take part in gardening, clean-ups, cycling and other ways to get active in their local environment.

Older People’s Gardening

The project offers garden maintenance and make-over work for older residents of south Bristol, and aspires to provide a support network able to sign-post other services and opportunities for older people. We feel that the project is less about gardens and more about people feeling included and valued. We have been able to offer trips to garden centres and run a very popular flower arranging group, meeting on a weekly basis. Feedback suggests that the majority of our clients find this an invaluable service, and they are particularly positive about the role of young volunteers who work on the project. We are now looking to develop the service to cover all areas of Bristol over the next few years.

Pedal Pushers

This Birmingham-based project aims to open up cycling as an option for commuting to work and school, developing an introductory programme for new and returning cyclists. Through overcoming the barriers that many people face to participation in regular cycling, the project helps participants to increase their physical activity levels and reduce their risk of obesity. A range of park-based events have been held, at which people were able to have a go at cycling, with an instructor on hand to give advice. They could also have their bikes checked for safety, compete in agility tests, join led rides to shops and green spaces, and get lots of information about cycling in Birmingham. Volunteer ride leaders were an important part of each event, and John Lane from City Can Cycle was a huge support to the project, providing a mobile workshop on the day as well as 2 ‘families’ of bikes for community use. In addition, we are looking to build a network of ‘cycling buddies’, who can inspire and support others in getting back on their bikes.

Volunteer profile

Pursuing the development of City Can Cycle continues to be an interesting and rewarding challenge. With ever increasing interest from local authorities and charities this initiative has led me to work alongside dedicated professionals and motivated volunteers. The support we have enjoyed from CSV has been crucial.

John Lane, Co-ordinator, City Can Cycle
Tom Freeland, National Development Manager  www.csv.org.uk/environment.

England: North West

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB VOLUNTEER OFFICER
BE4 N/A LOC KENDAL
PAY travelling expenses. Training FOR BTCV
DES Unusually varied conservation volunteering. Choose from field, leadership, education, publicity, admin, rural & urban. Ideal working env in & around Lake District NPA. Previous officers have subsequently developed careers in cside management. BUT Enthusiasm most useful. ASK R.Bryers@btcv.org.uk 01539 742612

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB WORK PARTY VOLUNTEER
BE4 N/A LOC CUMBRIA
PAY Travel expenses covered & on the job training FOR FRIENDS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT
DES Various outdoor activities at different pieces of land owned by FLD, from walling to tree planting, thistle bashing & bracken removal. BUT Vols of all skills levels are welcome to come along. As long as you are able to carry out light physical work we can train you in the skills you need on the day. ASK Cassie Nelson, 01539 720788 cassie-nelson@fld.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT
BE4 ring for details LOC PENWORTHAM ENV EDUCATION CENTRE, PRESTON
PAY up to £75 per week living/travel reimbursement. FOR LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST*
Volunteering makes a real difference for FLD, some of our work is only possible because of help received from volunteers. There are many different ways which you can contribute from practical work like tree planting or walking to leading walks or working in the office. Please visit www.fld.org.uk/info/volunteering.htm for more information.

Europe's most successful conservation movement would love to hear from you. Learn new skills, meet new people, work in amazing landscapes. Join wardens on coastal properties in Morecambe Bay, the Wirral of Formby, or help maintain countryside properties in Cheshire and the Lake District. Further information from nw.volunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01619254345

CMA and the Volunteer

The Countryside Management Association (CMA) the largest organisation of its kind representing professionals engaged in countryside and urban greenspace management throughout England and Wales, offers to volunteers the same thing that it offers to all members, networking, recognition, information, Continuing Professional Development, but all at a special rate. All CMA officers are volunteers and do their CMA roles in their spare time. There is always the opportunity for people volunteering in the countryside and environment sector to also volunteer for these roles so long as they meet the Person Specification for the vacant role.

Mike Anderson, CMA Secretary says 'I honestly believe that without my involvement on the National Executive for the CMA I would not now be a greenspace consultant, or otherwise have been in a position to become a Head of Service. Volunteering with CMA has given me the opportunity to develop skills in strategy and policy, report writing, etc that are essential for career progression and weren't forthcoming from my previous post as a country park officer'.

CMA Administration can be contacted during normal office hours, and an answerphone is available at other times. Telephone: 01245 424116 Email: cma@writtle.ac.uk
REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3  JOB VOLUNTEER TASKFORCE
BE4 ongoing  LOC COUNTY DURHAM
PAY 0 FOR DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST
DES Join ever-expanding Reserves Taskforce. The Taskforce undertake practical conservation work on the Trust’s 25 nature reserves covering habitats incl ancient & plantation woodland, wetland, grassland & heath. For those wanting to pursue a career in nature conservation the Taskforce provides training in practical conservation management. It offers opportunities to improve identification skills through survey & monitoring work & habitat mapping through GIS & GPS training. Also the possibility of access to vocational quals & invaluable work experience through our Volunteer Reserves Officer scheme. BUT General level of fitness & an interest in wildlife, no time commitment is needed apart from a full day when out on task. Volunteer Reserves Officer positions are advertised when available & are subject to interview.
ASK scharlton@durhamwt.co.uk 01915843112

REF VOL-DIRECT-OK8 FOR SHEFFIELD WILDLIFE TRUST
BE4 ongoing  LOC SHEFFIELD
JOB: Event Volunteers
Beside annual programme of events, Trust also gets invited to many local fayres & fetes each year. Become part of a small team to promote the Trust as these events
Fundraising Volunteers
Help raise vital funds for the Trust. For example holding a coffee morning, taking collection boxes to local shops, getting your company involved in raising funds, researching outlets for sale of Trust merchandise etc. BUT Enthusiastic & dedicated.
Reserve Advisory Group
Group meetings of local residents & other interested gps, who meet to discuss & influence how the Trust manages each of it’s nine nature reserves. Go along & find out how the Trust manages each reserve, hear the issues & be part of the decision making process. Info: Nature Reserves Manager 0114 2634335
Community Work Days
Opportunity to join a project, spend the day doing practical conservation work. Members receive details in mailings. Info: Sites Officer 0114 2634335
Volunteer Land Management Assistant (ref: SitesV1)
Assist in practical management of reserves in Sheffield & Peak District incl delivery of the Coalfield Heathlands Project. Assist in delivery of management plans focusing on practical works, but incl opportunities for survey & monitoring & community liaison. Would suit someone with experience in a range of practical conservation work,incl fencing, access work & basic construction or someone wishing to gain experience. BUT Full clean driving licence & basic IT skills desirable. Current first aid cert & supervision skills advantage. Chat: Brendan Whittram 0114 2634335
Volunteer Education Assistant
Assist the education team to deliver env education projects & interpretation work on Nature Reserves & support education visits to schools.
Volunteer Assistant Ecologist
Work with the Ecology team to carry out botanical & zoological surveys of urban & rural sites, assist with ecological monitoring programme & in preparation of survey reports & transfer of data onto GIS.
Volunteer Nature Reserves Assistant
Assist in management of 9 new nature reserves. With the management plans for each reserve, incl surveying & monitoring, community liaison & practical conservation work.
Volunteer Community Wildlife Ranger

Within the Coalfield Heath Project Team & assist in delivering a programme of events, education, interpretation & practical tasks across 19 sites in South & West Yorkshire. Incl assisting with management planning, liaising with partners & local communities, managing contracts & practical work on sites.

Volunteer Coalfield Heathland Land Management Assistant

Assist in planning & delivery of management work on the project. Inc assisting with management planning, liaising with partners & local communities, managing contracts & practical work on sites.

Volunteering for 16 – 25 year olds

Variety of opportunities, evening & weekend sessions available.

One project involves gps undertaking practical conservation tasks on Blacka Moor Nature Reserve.

www.wildvolunteering.com    All: PAY   0   ASK   www.wildsheffield.com Claire Little, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, 37 Stafford Road, Sheffield S2 2SF volunteering@wildsheffield.com 0114 2634335

REF VOL-DIRECT-31/3  JOB EDUCATION VOLUNTEER OFFICER
BE4 31/3/08  LOC YORK  PAY 0  DES Valuable experience & training that will help you start a career in conservation & env work. Contribute to & develop new ideas for env education activities. Delivering education work to schools & youth gps incl Youth ACE. Volunteering project for 13 to 18 year olds. Help contribute to BTCV York’s publicity & fundraising campaigns through press releases, poster campaigns, attending local events & completing grant applications. Training provided in all aspects of the role.  ASK Rachel or Naomi 01904 844300 york@btcv.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3  JOB BUTTERFLY SURVEYOR
BE4 ongoing  LOC NOSTELL PRIORY, WAKEFIELD  PAY 0  DES Undertake surveys of butterflies within the parkland as part of a team of butterfly transect surveyors. Undertake surveys along a specific transect. Attend training sessions, liaise with visitors in the park about the role. BUT Work in compliance with the Trust’s H&S Policy at all times. All these arrangements are binding in honour only & not intended to be legally binding.  ASK Michael Warrington (Vol Coordinator) 01924 863892 ext 100 Jago Moles (Parkland Ranger) 01924 866841

Immerse yourself in the Tyne Catchment. Play an important role in river quality surveys and organising River Watch Events. For those with a passion for the aquatic environment and who wish to make a difference, it offers an insight into freshwater ecology, conservation and community activity. Activities are varied. Tel: 01434 611817, email: c.gibson@tynerivertrust.org or visit: www.tynerivertrust.org

BTCV North Yorkshire has 3 vacancies for full time residential Volunteer Officers at their office in Well, near Bedale. With shared accommodation available at subsidised rates. Great chance to gain valuable skills in conservation. Commitment of 6-9 months and over 21 with clean driving licence held for over 2 years. Anne Lawrence 01677 470821 a.lawrence@btcv.org.uk

Want to develop your volunteer leadership, practical conservation, project planning skills and pick up some quality training? (and have a laugh on the way?) We are looking for a Wildlife Garden Volunteer Officer for minimum 3 days per week for at least 6 months. Contact Stuart Harris 0113 2742335 S.harris@btcv.org.uk

England: Midlands

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3  JOB MARKETING TEAM VOLUNTEER
BE4 N/A  LOC BELPER, DERBYSHIRE  PAY Travelling expenses & basic ongoing training  DES Press monitoring / cuttings; compile simple press releases for local group talks / activities & occasionally other event s i.e. guided walks or education events. A schedule is produced to cover the local group activities. File & log press releases generated by other members of staff. Ensure Reception has copies of all press releases sent. Occasionally produce posters in MS Publisher. Use database to mail leaflets & other publications as appropriate. Help prepare temp displays on Velcro boards for use in libraries, visitor centres etc; help with research into funding opportunities. Occasional routine admin tasks. BUT Friendly, happy to undertake a range of tasks & work as part of a small team. Good communication skills a must.  ASK Jane Proctor, Marketing & Resource Development Manager, 01773 881193 jproctor@derbyshirewildlife.co.uk Brief CV to: Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, East Mill, Bridge Foot, Belper DE56 1XH
Volunteer Watch Leaders

Are you enthusiastic about wildlife & conservation & want to make a real difference to the Warwickshire landscape? They have historic, cultural, ecological & archaeological value. We need to know what is happening to our hedges, & to gather as much information as possible to protect them in the future. You would liaise with the project's partners, recruit vols surveyors & organise surveying sessions for young people. Both above positions: All levels of experience are required as full training in ID is provided. All positions: PAY 0 ASK Ian Jelley, 02476 308998 ian.jelley@wkwt.org.uk

Volunteer Surveyors

Would you like to get some fresh air & develop transferable skills in surveying incl protected species surveying work? We need vols to help us survey everything from butterflies & birds to bats, otters to flowers & much more. The surveys can be carried out at one nature reserve or at several depending on how much time you have to spare. The survey season is usually March-Sept depending on species. Hedgerows are an integral part of the Warwickshire landscape. They have historic, cultural, ecological & archaeological value. We need to know what is happening to our hedges, & to gather as much information as possible to protect them in the future. You would liaise with the project's partners, recruit vols surveyors & organise surveying sessions for young people. Both above positions: All levels of experience are required as full training in ID is provided. All positions: PAY 0 ASK Ian Jelley, 02476 308998 ian.jelley@wkwt.org.uk

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Every spring the common toad (Bufo bufo) embarks on one of the last remaining land-based mass migrations that occurs in the UK. After waking from their winter hibernation, toads set out on the long journey to their breeding ponds and every year thousands die under the wheels of cars where roads cross their migration paths.

The amphibian conservation charity Froglife (www.froglife.org) co-ordinates the annual ‘Toads on Roads’ campaign and maintains a register of over 670 toad crossing sites for the government's Department for Transport. At over 100 of these sites there are voluntary toad crossing patrols, where volunteers monitor the site and help the toads across roads - often carrying them in buckets or campaigning for the installation of ‘toad tunnels’. In extreme cases whole roads are closed such as in the village of Oxton in Nottinghamshire where Beanford Lane is closed for the whole of March every year to allow toads to access their breeding grounds safely. From this year the project is being supported by ARG UK.

Lucy Benyon, Froglife’s Information Officer and Toads on Roads coordinator, says ‘The toads are very vulnerable at this time of year, trying to migrate to their breeding ponds, and we rely on our Toad Patrollers to give them a helping hand. If you can help or know of a site where toads get killed crossing a road please get in touch.’

The plight of toads is indicative of the problems that wildlife faces when confronted with the modern fragmented landscape. John Everitt, head of Living Landscape at The Wildlife Trusts says: ‘On their annual migration toads meet barriers that are faced by all our wildlife – roads, development and expanses of hostile countryside. To tackle these challenges The Wildlife Trusts are developing our Living Landscape vision across the UK. Living Landscape schemes aim to restore the connections between wildlife sites and create large areas of habitat within which wildlife can thrive’.

The common toad is also at risk from another threat. Last year experts expressed concern that the chytrid fungus (Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, BD) could infect the common toad population in Britain. So the common toad needs all the help it can get. If you want to get involved with the 2008 Toads on Roads campaign contact Froglife. Other useful contacts are the local Amphibian and Reptile Groups (www.arguk.org) or local Wildlife Trusts (www.wildlifetrusts.org).

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How volunteer tree champions make a difference

From Aberdeen to Guernsey, Lowestoft to Pembrokeshire, there’s a national force of 8,000 volunteers championing local trees – in town, city and countryside. In fact, they’re the eyes and ears for trees in their communities.

These highly motivated individuals are all part of Britain’s Tree Warden Scheme which is proving a very effective way to engage communities in their local environment.

The Tree Council, which launched the scheme in 1990, sees Tree Wardens as a key part of its community action programme that includes National Tree Week, Seed Gathering Season and Walk in the Woods as well as the annual Tree Care Campaign to get better care for all trees. The Council is an umbrella body for organisations working together for trees and its goal is to make trees matter to everyone.

Tree Wardens are very much in the vanguard of this. Their core activities include planting and caring for trees in their neighbourhoods and encouraging others – including schoolchildren – to value them; surveying local trees and gathering information about them; and providing early warning of threats to trees. As volunteers, they work closely with professionals, such as the tree officers or other local authority colleagues who co-ordinate the local network and are key to the success of the scheme.

The Tree Council co-ordinates its Tree Warden Scheme in partnership with National Grid and backed by Communities and Local Government (CLG). It also works with local authorities, voluntary organisations, parish councils and local partnerships to set up and develop local Tree Warden networks as part of the national scheme.

As Jon Stokes, one of The Tree Council team which co-ordinates the Tree Warden Scheme nationally, points out: “Setting up a Tree Warden network is a very good way to harness local enthusiasm for a community’s trees in order to achieve really useful volunteer action for the environment – rural or urban. We’re ready and able to help.”

There are now Tree Wardens in communities across a third of Britain, but that still leaves plenty of scope for many more of these volunteer tree champions. So the Tree Council welcomes enquiries from local authorities and other organisations interested in creating new networks. It can offer support and resources for setting up, developing and maintaining a local network and its staff can help with training Tree Wardens. Thanks to funding from National Grid and CLG, The Tree Council publishes free material for Tree Wardens, including a full-colour newsletter and a regularly updated handbook of practical advice.

There are also annual regional forums at which Tree Wardens can get inspiration from experts on how topical issues can be translated into action with and for their local communities.

• Whether you want to set up a new local network or to volunteer as a Tree Warden in an existing one, visit www.treecouncil.org.uk to find out more.
Voluntary Assistant Warden (Plym Peregrine Project)

**JOB**

**DES**

Ref: VOL-DIRECT-10/3  FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST

Have an enthusiasm for the natural world & for working outdoors. Ideally your own transport to get to the reserve. Ask for further information.

Chat: Lucy Morton, Community Officer, 01404 831881 (Mon-Wed)  offwell5@aol.com

**PAY** 0  Expenses & training opportunities  FOR OFFWELL WOODLAND & WILDLIFE TRUST

**DES**

Vols will be helping to carry out practical habitat management & species recording on the reserve as part of an HLF funded Action for Biodiversity project. BUT You do not need to have any prior experience or quals, but you must have an enthusiasm for the natural world & for working outdoors. Ideally your own transport to get to the reserve. ASK

**FULL TIME VOLUNTEER**

Looking for a career in conservation? During a 6 mth placement, gain training & experience on this internationally important reserve e.g. tractors, ATV, 4x4 as appropriate. Also practical experience in wetland management, assist with walks/events, manage vol gps & bird surveying offered. Many previous vol wardens now have jobs with the RSPB or other conservation orgs. BUT Happy to work outside, keen interest in wildlife & conservation, lots of enthusiasm & practical aptitude. 18+ years, full clean driving licence plus driving experience. Good bird identification skills desirable. ASK

**EMPLOYEE**

**PAY** 0  Out of pocket expenses, accom in Exminster. FOR RSPB

**DES**

Gain a valuable insight into the breeding ecology of wetland birds & species monitoring methodology, grazing management, wetland creation & water level control techniques. Breeding bird surveys on 3 reserve area covering lowland wet grassland, arable farmland, large open water bodies & salt marsh. Nest finding & repeated predation surveys of breeding waders. When not surveying (depending on season, up to 30% of time), assist in provision / maintenance of estate infrastructure around the reserve, & in the monitoring of water levels & water abstraction. Patrol the reserve & report on farming activities & stock management. Min 5 dpw, for 4 months. Mid-March 08 to end June, incl regular early morning starts. BUT  Driving licence essential. Able to identify by call & song all common breeding birds. Physically fit & prepared to work outdoors in difficult conditions. Some experience of practical conservation work or practically minded. ASK

**EMPLOYEE**

**PAY** 0  Expenses & training opportunities  FOR ISLES OF SCILLY WILDLIFE TRUST

**DES**

Come & volunteer on the Isles of Scilly. Work involves assisting with livestock, vegetation clearance & footpath management. We manage over 60% of Scilly so a great opportunity to see the islands; stay for 2 weeks to 6 months. Bunk-bed style accommodation available, 20% discount on the Skybus & special rate on Scillonian. BUT Must be 18 or over, flexible & physically fit. ASK

Further information contact Julie Love Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, Carn Thomas, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0PT julielove@ios-wildlifetrust.org.uk or 01720 422153.
Motivation, tact, diplomacy & integrity. Ask Sarah van der Meer (Volunteering Officer) 0117 9177277.

Confidence in contacting people, interest in the charity sector &/or env / wildlife issues. Attributes: Enthusiasm & self-excellent written & spoken communication skills, computerate, ability to carry out research using variety of sources, leaflet; organising distribution of leaflet & follow up. BUT Appropriate degree qual or fundraising rel course. Skills: research & development of a database of potential clients for consultancy services; development & design of a marketing PAY 0 meals & basic accom FOR THE LUNDY COMPANY LTD

BE4 14/3/08 IV/4/4/08 LOC LUNDY ISLAND
PAY 0 meals & basic accom FOR THE LUNDY COMPANY LTD

DES Assist in the effective running of the reserves in all areas from monitoring through to maintaining reserve infrastructure. Work with other vols on practical estate work tasks. Assist contractors when on site, & in developing a safe & well-run workshop. Assist in monitoring key reserve species & in monitoring water levels & water abstraction. Patrol the reserve & report on farming activities & stock management. Extensive on the job training in practical habitat, reserve management skills & safe working practices. Valuable insight into grazing management, wetland creation & water level control techniques. Vocational training may be offered, i.e. ATV & first aid. Min 5 dpw, for 12 months, starting 1/5/08. BUT Driving licence essential. Physically fit & prepared to work outdoors in difficult conditions. Enthusiastic quick learner. Initiative, keen to input own ideas & opinions. Some experience of other practical work or practically minded. Interest in natural history, some ornithological experience an advantage. ASK Antony Bellamy, Asst Site Manager, 01392 824614 antony.bellamy@rspb.org.uk

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REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSISTANT
BE4 17/3/08 IV/wb31/3/08 LOC EXE ESTUARY NATURE RESERVES, DEVON
PAY 0 Out of pocket expenses, accom in Exminster, protective equipment. FOR RSPB
DES Assist in the effective running of the reserves in all areas from monitoring through to maintaining reserve infrastructure. Work with other vols on practical estate work tasks. Assist contractors when on site, & in developing a safe & well-run workshop. Assist in monitoring key reserve species & in monitoring water levels & water abstraction. Patrol the reserve & report on farming activities & stock management. Extensive on the job training in practical habitat, reserve management skills & safe working practices. Valuable insight into grazing management, wetland creation & water level control techniques. Vocational training may be offered, i.e. ATV & first aid. Min 5 dpw, for 12 months, starting 1/5/08. BUT Driving licence essential. Physically fit & prepared to work outdoors in difficult conditions. Enthusiastic quick learner. Initiative, keen to input own ideas & opinions. Some experience of other practical work or practically minded. Interest in natural history, some ornithological experience an advantage. ASK Antony Bellamy, Asst Site Manager, 01392 824614 antony.bellamy@rspb.org.uk

References:

REF VOL-DIRECT-24/3 JOB VOLUNTEER WARDEN For The Large Blue Butterfly
BE4 21/3/08 IV 10/4/08 LOC COLLARD HILL, STREET, SOMERSET
PAY 0 Accom, board & travel FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST
DES 2/6/08-11/7/08. The only open access site to see the Large Blue Butterfly. Be the lead person responsible for visitor management & biological recording during the busy flight season. This high profile role offers a unique chance to work with some of the country’s leading butterfly experts. Duties inc: ensure visitors have a safe (the site is on a steep slope) & enjoyable time, & make sure the butterfly is protected. Responsible for conducting important research into population & distribution, & summarising findings. BUT Enthusiastic, able communicator with experience of working with the public. Active interest in env conservation & able to demonstrate the benefits this post would bring to your work. Good knowledge of butterfly ecology a strong advantage, but training given. Physically fit. ASK Rachel Thomson for info & details of how to apply by email: Rachel.Thompson@nationaltrust.org.uk or by post: The National Trust, Somerset Countryside Office, National Trust, Barton Rocks, Barton, Winscombe BS25 1DU

References:

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
BE4 ? LOC SOUTH WEST ENGLAND
PAY training & expenses FOR RSPB
DES Nature’s Amazing! RSPB need help to tell others. Over Spring & Summer to help talk to visitors & give them an experience they’ll never forget. Tell people about wildlife they can see, work of RSPB & how they can support RSPB. Excellent chance to make a real difference. BUT Enthusiastic & sociable with outgoing nature who enjoy meeting & talking to members of the public. Chatterbox with a passion for wildlife & conservation. ASK Juliet Simms, Volunteering Development Officer 01392 453757 juliet.simms@rspb.org.uk

References:

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB LEMUR RANGER
BE4 Ongoing LOC BRISTOL
PAY 0 FOR BRISTOL ZOO GARDENS
DES / BUT What an opportunity – where else can you work along with a lemur? We are looking for confident people who enjoy talking to the public & are willing to learn lots about lemurs. You will be working in the lemur walkthrough answering visitor questions & making sure both the visitors & lemurs are behaving themselves. Shifts are 2.5 hrs long & we would expect you to attend your chosen slot weekly. It is possible to combine this role with activity centre volunteering. Min age18. ASK Becky Green, 0117 9747363 rgreen@bristolzoo.org.uk http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/about/support/volunteering

References:

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISING / MARKETING ASSISTANT
BE4 10/3/08 LOC BRISTOL
PAY travel expenses FOR AVON WILDLIFE TRUST
DES Fundraising research & database.; Assist in development & maintenance of in-house fundraising contacts database; research rel funding sources; assist with compiling application to a variety of funders. Consultancy: Market research & development of a database of potential clients for consultancy services; development & design of a marketing leaflet; organising distribution of leaflet & follow up. BUT Appropriate degree qual or fundraising rel course. Skills: excellent written & spoken communication skills, computerate, ability to carry out research using variety of sources, confidence in contacting people, interest in the charity sector &/or env / wildlife issues. Attributes: Enthusiasm & self motivation, tact, diplomacy & integrity. ASK Sarah van der Meer (Volunteering Officer) 0117 9177277 sarahvandemeer@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

References:

REF VOL-DIRECT-17/3 JOB VOLUNTEER
BE4 14/3/08 IV/4/4/08 LOC LUNDY ISLAND
PAY 0 meals & basic accom FOR THE LUNDY COMPANY LTD

References:
DES Rare opportunity to join the Island team for this coming season, starting 15/4/08. Duties will be varied; from helping out in the island’s only pub to mowing lawns of some of the Landmark properties. May get the opportunity to be involved with more conservation / env tasks. Hours generally 42-45 per week worked on a 6 day rota over 7 days. BUT Flexibility, abundance of enthusiasm & a love of the outdoors. Fit & healthy & keen to be part of the Lundy team. ASK Emma e.whitaker@btcv.org.uk 0117 9605447 Apply by CV & covering letter.

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB NATURE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER
BE4 ? LOC PLYMOUTH
PAY travel expenses & some training available FOR GROUNDWORK DEVON & CORNWALL
DES Groundwork runs a vol team which works every Thursday & Friday, usually on Plymouth’s local nature reserves. Recently started removing scrub from an overgrown Napoleonic fort. Currently some vacancies on the team. BUT No previous experience necessary but must be prepared for physical work. ASK Mike 07977 913293 mike@forge.org.uk www.groundwork-devonandcornwall.org.uk/index.asp?page=91

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB TREE LIFE CENTRE VOLUNTEER OFFICER
BE4 ? LOC BRISTOL
PAY training & expenses FOR BTCV
DES The Centre is a community tree nursery growing trees & wildflowers from locally collected seed without the use of chemicals. Supervise & support vols of all ages & from diverse backgrounds incl people with special needs. VO’s co-ordinate & lead the daily tasks to run the nursery & off site practical conservation projects. Responsible for development of particular aspect of project depending on interest & experience. Receive free training in all necessary skills incl: leadership, project planning, H&S, tool maintenance, first aid & minibus driving. Also gain valuable practical experience. BUT No previous experience required just enthusiastic & friendly. Commitment of 6+ mths 2/3 dpw (Mon – Thurs) required. Over 21 & full driving licence for 2+ years’ & able to drive a minibus. Subject to CRB check. ASK Emma W.Marcombe@btcv.org.uk 0117 9605447 Apply by CV & covering letter.

Exmoor National Park Volunteer Partnership is recruiting. The work will give opportunities with The National Trust, South West Lakes Trust, The Crown Estate as well as the National Park. Carrying out wildlife conservation and countryside access related tasks; your help is always appreciated. Contact Patrick Watts-Mabbott: 07973727469 email: volunteers@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

The Marine Biological Association in Plymouth has a number of volunteering opportunities in marine research and education. A training day for our education programme will be held in the spring. If you are interested check out our website www.marlin.ac.uk or email Fiona Crouch fcrc@mba.ac.uk

Passionate about Environmental Conservation? Then a day volunteering with BTCV, a leading UK conservation charity, could be what you are looking for. Tasks include coppicing, hedge laying and path construction. Meet outside the Waterfront Pub, Farris Lane in Bristol before 9.30 am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday or email W.Marcombe@btcv.org.uk

Dorset Wildlife Trust is coordinating at County wide mammal survey, aiming to produce a Dorset Mammal Atlas in 2012. We are looking for volunteers prepared to carry out surveys across the County for specific mammal species. Training given where required. Contact Anna Hobbs at DWT on 01305 264620 for details. www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk

Alison Clifton writes: Volunteering is an important aspect of my life that enables me to develop personally, to help the community and promote the values of the RSPCA. Half of my volunteering life is based at the RSPCA Mallydams education centre where I assist in the education and promotion of animal welfare to people of all ages using the surrounding 50 acres of woodland. The wildlife and natural landscape surrounding the education centre adds to my inspiration and desire to protect the environment for preservation of the wildlife. It is on our doorstep and so it is our responsibility.

I have strong interests in different areas of the RSPCA such as current issues in farming, protection of domestic animals and attracting and appreciating wildlife in our own gardens. Based on these interests I have been given the opportunity to organise activities and sessions during 2008!

One of the best things about volunteering at Mallydams is the combination of friendly and supportive staff and the variation of activities during my volunteer days. No two days are the same and this adds to the appeal of volunteering here. During the summer months I was a regular visitor to the centre, almost more than the resident badgers and foxes! One day I found myself paddling in the rock pools at Pett Level beach with a school group. Armed with plastic buckets and marine identification books we set off to explore animals found living and feeding in the low water tide area. Hearing the excited exclamations of ‘Come and look at this!’ reinforces why I enjoy...
being part of the education centre. We are giving young people the opportunity to get out of the classroom and get real life experience that will hopefully make them more responsible – they are our future.

Another time I was working with a group of 12 young adults on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh residential which was very challenging but at the same time extremely rewarding. During the week we had guest speakers from within the organisation who challenged us on thought provoking topics such as research animals, hunting with dogs and farm animal welfare. It was extremely interesting to learn where the organisation stood on these issues. On a lighter note, the week ended with a twilight vegetarian BBQ!

I would recommend volunteering to anyone and everyone. No matter how little time or experience an individual can offer there are many opportunities out there to help and support the local community. If you would like to know more about volunteering with the RSPCA then please call: 0300 1230750, email: fcannings@rspca.org.uk or log onto: www.rspca.org.uk

Kent High Weald Project runs regular conservation task days in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells. Our Wednesday tasks are open to volunteers of all ages and abilities. See our website www.khwp.org.uk, or contact Nick Robinson on 01580 912972 nick.robinson@khwp.org.uk

England: South

Volunteer Seasonal Warden (part time)

The Millennium Country Park has areas of woodland, wetland and grassland with multi-user paths and formal areas. Six month post starting in April for 3 days a week. Duties would include Patrolling, grass cutting, habitat management working with volunteers and could include running guided walks, working with school groups and wildlife surveys. All training, tools and equipment provided. A training course in First Aid and two other courses related to individual interest in conservation or site management would also be provided. This post will also involve a mixture of duties that can be tailored to individual interest alongside the day to day park management. For any questions or for a more detailed job description call Alexis Pym on 01234 767037. CV and covering letter should outline any previous experience and specific interests. Email or post to: Alexis.Pym@marstonvale.org or Forest of Marston Vale, Forest Centre, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire, MK43 0PR. Closing dates for applications Wednesday 5th March 2008

Volunteers required to help with day to day estate management on a 250 acre estate in Reigate, Surrey. Tasks will include fencing repairs, scrub clearance, grass cutting etc. Contact us for more details.

Pat Pay, Landscape/Heritage Officer 01737 649068 mob: 0794 157 2434. patpay@gatton-park.org.uk www.gattonpark.com

Like chatting to people? Want to make a difference to wildlife whilst you’re doing so? We need confident, outgoing people to assist the Community Team in talking to the public about our work and recruiting new RSPB members at events across the region. The RSPB relies on public support to enable us to carry out our vital conservation work and in return, we can offer valuable training to help you in your career or for personal fulfillment. Please contact Cassie Glover Tel: 01273 775333 E-mail: cassie.glover@rspb.org.uk

The National Trust cares for countryside, coastline, buildings and gardens of outstanding interest. The Trust relies on support from volunteers. If you would like to get involved contact us for more information - www.nationaltrust.org.uk - email: ts.volunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk - tel: 01494 528051
Friday Work Party Volunteer

Volunteers to help manage & organise the extensive photo library. The role will incl. organising new images into folders & making sure that plant species are identified correctly using the expertise of the Plantlife conservation team; checking & researching the copyright of all images; managing & cataloguing of historical & new images; helping the Plantlife team source images. BUT Although full training given, applicants will need to be computerate with an understanding of MS Office. ASK enquiries@plantlife.org.uk

Volunteer Grounds Worker

Regular volunteer to help with daily practical management of the LNR the Centre is based in. Tasks incl.: practical conservation work; leading / helping to manage vol tasks on Wednesdays; keeping an inventory of & maintaining tools & machinery; responding to visitors questions; contributing to env interpretation; liaising with local allotment users; responding to requests from community & organising events with staff. Full training & support provided & Centre will assist in searching & preparing for work. BUT Essential: enthusiasm for outdoors, practical work & interest / experience in wildlife habitat management; ability to work outdoors in all weathers; able to follow H&S guidelines; team player. Desirable: experience in chainsaws, brushcutters, billhooks & pruning tools; good knowledge of floral & faunal species; first aid at work cert; previous vol experience in similar env. ASK 020 87705820 sec@sutton.gov.uk Sutton Ecology Centre, The Old Rectory, Festival Walk, Carshalton, SM5 3NY

Volunteer Fund Raiser

Part time to assist with research on ecology & conservation of Dragonflies (Odonata) on farmland ponds. Research tasks involve: capturing, marking & identifying damselflies, surveying for dragonflies on the wing, surveying for pond parameters & land use & recording of dragonfly roosts. Tasks vary depending on seasonality & experience. BUT Able to work 9 – 5 3+ dpw for at least 2 mths during May – August 2008, alternative arrangements may be considered. Enthusiastic, physically fit & prepared to undertake occasional long hrs of fieldwork under all weather conditions. No previous experience necessary but an interest on freshwater ecology & Odonates desirable. Own transport is a must but arrangements can be done to pick up from Bicester/Aylesbury areas. ASK eva.raebel@zoo.aox.ac.uk http://www.wildcru.org/

Volunteer Placements

Living, travel & other expenses up to £75 per week FOR IVER NATURE STUDY CENTRE. With generous support of the National Grid & V you could spend 9 or 12 months learning how to teach children about the world around them, trying your hand at a variety of practical gardening skills & env educational packages & art & craft activities. Platinum Youth Achievement Award & a great experience. BUT 16-24 year olds with a passion for the env. ASK Sally Munn, 01895 270730.

Volunteer Photo Library Volunteer

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Volunteer Schools Green Gym Volunteer Officer

School Green Gym runs weekly conservation sessions, during term time, to increase physical activity levels & provide an alternative to tradition sports. Tasks on the project have incl raking a hay meadow, planting vegetables & clearing brambles. Help plan & facilitate the sessions alongside the BTCV Project Officer. BUT Able to work with a wide range of friendly & approachable manner. Subject to CRB check. ASK Rachel Moroney, 02380 769719 r.moroney@btcv.org.uk
Voluntary Events Co-ordinator
Pierrepont Farm, Farnham, Surrey
Take the lead in organising events such as the annual Open Farm day. Be on the committee of the local voluntary support group & work closely with the farmer & the Trust, finding ways to engage the public with a working dairy farm env in which wildlife is encouraged to thrive. Other events are also encouraged to raise the Trust’s profile, involve the wider community with the cside & to raise funds. In time educational school visits are planned for the farm. BUT Commitment: 1-2 days per mth.

Wildlife Monitors & Conservation Vols
Much Marcle & Vowchurch, Herefordshire
Like to get out & about in the cside, join one of the working parties. Jobs incl orchard clearance, hedgelaying, coppicing, planting etc to improve wildlife habitats & landscape features. Wildlife monitors study & record the various plant & animal species found & monitor their success over time in conjunction with the habitat improvements being made. BUT Commitment: 1 day per mth.

Woodland Conservation Vols
Harold’s Grove, Harlow, Essex
Local people to assist in monitoring the condition of ancient broadleaf woodland. Duties incl regular checking area for damage, clearing litter, woodland management activities, erecting bird boxes & monitoring wildlife. BUT Commitment: 1 day per mth.

Voluntary Events Co-ordinator
John 01223 262999 www.livingcountryside.org.uk

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Battersea, London
Pay 0 Expenses can be reimbursed FOR BAT CONSERVATION TRUST

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION VOLUNTEER OFFICER
Haringey, North London
Pay 0 Expenses can be reimbursed FOR SPECIAL TREES & WOODS PROJECT

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CAT’s very popular Short Term Volunteer Programme is in operation in Machynlleth, over the week, Rick Dance rick.dance@cat.org.uk 01654 705 951.

Lemur Ranger – volunteer work at Bristol Zoo, ongoing, one shift per week, Becky Green, 0117 9747363 rgreen@bristolzoo.org.uk http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/about/support/volunteering

Casual volunteer opportunity at Sheffield Wildlife Trust, ongoing, Claire Little 0114 2634335 volunteering@wildsheffield.com

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The British Dragonfly Society

Full, clean driving licence for 2+ years.  ASK   Chat: Catherine Price, 020 83486005  c.price@btcv.org.uk

Volunteer with the Trust for Urban Ecology

Conservation volunteering in London on one of our Local Nature Reserves. Join one of our regular midweek teams, or sign up to a six month placement undertaking an environmental project of your own choice. E: true@btcv.org.uk W: www.urbanecology.org.uk T: 0208 293 1904.

Northern Ireland:

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 FOR RSPB
BE4 ongoing PAY 0 expenses reimbursed where necessary
JB: Shop/Retail Assistant (ref 3062) BELFAST Ensure visitors feel welcome & leave with a good impression of RSPB. Duties incl meeting the public, handling money & stock. Gain new skills & gain insight into the operation of a shop in the tourism field. BUT Enjoy working with the public, accurate & reliable at handling money & stock. Presentable, polite & tactile. Minimum commitment: 1 day or 2 half days per week, hours to suit. All year round.

Community Liaison Volunteer (ref: 3128) Northern Ireland Be a local area representative & an ambassador for RSPB, supported by local Volunteer Officer. Increase awareness about the RSPB, importance of conservation in your area & ways local people can help. BUT Enthusiastic & conscientious with boundless energy, ability to communicate with people. Good knowledge of local area & community. Bird expertise not required, but love of wildlife essential. 1+ dpw variable, all year round. Both: Training provided where necessary. ASK Quote rel ref Hilary Hunter 028 90491547 hillary.hunter@rspb.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTARY WARDEN
BE4 work March to Sept LOC RATHLIN ISLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND PAY 0 expenses covered FOR RSPB
DES Spring long term placement. 10,000 visitors expected over 6 mths of summer. Gain valuable insights to the workings of RSPB, one of Europe’s largest seabird colonies, & also one of the smallest & most ancient island communities. Explore & enjoy a variety of species rich habitats, from shingle shores to meadows, freshwater loughs & hillside heaths & cliffs. Assist in managing daily duties at the viewpoint BUT Enjoy island life; like helping others enjoy wildlife; ability to recruit new members; can motivate vol staff to present high quality visitor service; adaptable, outgoing, organised & committed. Ideally have ornithological experience & interest, but essentially with experience & skills to enjoy initiating conversations with people of all ages & abilities. 6+ wk commitment ASK Ref: 304 www.rspb.org.uk Kate Tycer 01767 680551 volunteers@rspb.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB TALKING TO THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
BE4 ONGOING LOC RSPB HEADQUARTERS, BELFAST PAY 0 expenses covered FOR RSPB
DES Training & support. Give talks to the community, all materials are provided. Provide around 1 talk per month. BUT Good speaker, confident, well organised, reliable & able to travel throughout your local area. ASK Ref: 2148 www.rspb.org.uk Cara Gibney 028 90491547 cara.gibney@rspb.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3 JOB OPEN GARDEN HOST
BE4 ongoing LOC RSPB HEADQUARTERS, BELFAST PAY 0 expenses covered FOR RSPB
DES Support the work of RSPB & gain valuable experience of working with the public. Encourage people to feed & survey birds & have wildlife friendly gardens. BUT Have a wildlife friendly garden & visiting garden birds. Presence of a feeding station is helpful. Garden needs to be accessible & safe for visitors. Outgoing personality & willing to work with the public. Basic knowledge of common garden birds & wildlife gardening essential. Provide own helpers on the day to assist. ASK ref: 2500 www.rspb.org.uk Hilary Hunter 028 90491547 hilary.hunter@rspb.org.uk

National - Surveys

Scottish Squirrel Survey Volunteers required for the ongoing Scottish Natural Heritage funded Scottish Squirrel Survey to record red and grey squirrel distribution right across Scotland, but particularly in areas where both species occur. Further information from mitonkin@ SWT.org.uk Individual records can be logged at www.scottishsquirrel surveys.co.uk/records.html

Volunteers needed throughout the UK for this annual programme run by the Bat Conservation Trust. Surveys are rewarding to carry out and are for beginners and experts. For details of how to take part and information on training go to www.bats.org.uk or email nbmp@bats.org.uk

The British Dragonfly Society will be launching a new National Atlas project this spring. We will need dragonfly records from all over the country. Look out for press coverage, and visit our website at www.dragonflysoc.org.uk for further details.

The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority runs a practical conservation task programme with tasks on a weekly basis alternating Wednesdays and Saturdays. We also have opportunities for Biological Society volunteers. For more information or a copy of the programme visit our website www.leevalleypark.org.uk or phone Paul Roper on 01992709845

National Atlas project

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Many conservation organisations appeal for volunteer surveyors to record and submit local sightings for a national wildlife survey. Taking part in any of these surveys will give you useful experience and also help to extend the scientific knowledge of a species, so vital for appropriate conservation management. Some include training in survey techniques and some may even pay expenses.

Lots more surveys requiring general public participation are advertised on our website at: http://www.countryside-jobs.com/Training/Surveys.htm

General volunteer programmes / required:

**Volunteer with BTCV** BTCV have helped 130,000 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds take practical action to improve their own environments. Practical conservation volunteering can develop your skills and understanding of environmental and technical issues and help you build confidence and make you more employable.

For more information visit http://www.btcv.org.uk

**Marine Conservation Society (MCS)** - Runs projects and campaigns in the UK to protect our seas, shores and wildlife. Administration support is needed for all projects, plus opportunities may be available for graduates specialised in fields of pollution, fisheries and species conservation. www.mcsuk.org 01989 566017 info@mcsuk.org

**Butterfly Conservation** is a leading UK conservation organisation saving butterflies, moths and their habitats. We offer a range of volunteering opportunities nationwide, from helping in our offices to joining work parties doing practical conservation tasks. For information, visit our website at www.butterfly-conservation.org or email info@butterfly-conservation.org or call 01929 400 209.

**do-it.org.uk is volunteering made easy.** With almost 950,000 positions listed in our UK-wide database, do-it.org.uk is the perfect place to find your perfect local volunteering opportunity. Volunteering can help you develop new skills, gain work experience, support your community and meet new people, so visit do-it.org.uk and get involved.

**National Press Officer** Liaise with National & Local Press normally during working hrs.

**2 Regional Survey Coordinators** Required for SW & SE of England. Help establish a successful regional survey team on ferry-based surveys. Requires liaising with ferry company over survey dates, selecting rel vols & ensuring surveys are completed correctly. BUT Good management skills & experience to work with little supervision. Won’t necessarily have to travel on surveys unless they wish to.

**3 Regional Events Coordinators** Help to raise funds to support the charity’s work. SE, SW & NE England to liaise with the Events Coordinator in your area, you may feel you can take on both roles. BUT Like working with people, have experience or skill in fund-raising.

**3 Regional Fundraising Coordinators** Help to find or run events that will raise awareness of the charity’s work. Expected to liaise with small gps of local vols, offering support & advice & wherever possible attend local events & talks. BUT Like working with people & have experience or skill in event management.

**Beaked Whale Resource Web Developer** Improve upon & update the current website. BUT Web development skills, appropriate IT experience & skills & passion to develop this important site.

**Beaked Whale Resource Publicity Officer** Help promote the importance of BWR to the world. Focusing initially on building relationships/partnerships with beaked whale researchers & whale watching companies that sight beaked
VOLUNTEERING FOR SEA WATCH

The Sea Watch Foundation is a conservation research charity studying whales and dolphins in the UK. It has a large network of volunteer observers operating around the coasts and at sea. In each coastal region, there is a contact person who helps to coordinate watches and the public is encouraged to go out locally and conduct watches from headlands and boats on a regular basis. Sightings can be reported online, in which case they go onto the sightings pages of the Sea Watch web site, sent by email or posted. Every summer (this year between 21-29 June), a National Whale & Dolphin Watch is also organised, and there is an active Dolphin Adoption scheme aimed particularly at children to provide them with up to date information about Britain’s largest population of bottlenose dolphins.

Since 2001, Sea Watch has been conducting line-transect and photo-identification studies in Cardigan Bay, monitoring the population of bottlenose dolphins, harbour porpoises and grey seals of the area. The aim is to monitor their abundance and distribution, study their habitat usage and identify hotspots for the above species in and out of the Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), giving advices on their conservation management. Sea Watch could not carry out this vital work without its enthusiastic and hard working volunteers, which are strongly needed for all aspects of the research work. This is why every summer, from the middle of April to the middle of October, we select some volunteers that come to New Quay (where our office and research centre are based) for a minimum six weeks period. The volunteers, who come from not only UK but all over Europe, sometimes even further afield, live together in a very nice large house in New Quay, and therefore have the chance to make new friendships and meet people with different cultures and backgrounds. They work for Sea Watch five days a week and participate to all the research activities, both on field and in the office. Throughout all their stay the volunteers are given regular training sessions by experienced members of the staff, and are involved in the data collection during trips at sea and from land observation points, as well as taking care of data entry and contributing to the maintenance of the research databases. We strive to offer training in all aspects of Sea Watch work, the opportunity to practice these skills during the volunteer placement, and to give a very accurate picture of what working in the field of marine mammal science is like!

For more information about Sea Watch, see our website www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk.

Peter Evans (Director) & Giovanna Pesante (Monitoring Officer)

International:

REF   VOLF-DIRECT-28/4   JOB   SEVERAL CONSERVATION/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
BE4   LAST TWO WEEKS APRIL  LOC  MALTA
PAY   N/A   FOR  BIRDLIFE MALTA
DES / BUT  Join a conservation camp during the last two weeks of April (14th-29th). Spring Watch Malta is a conservation camp which forms an integral part of BirdLife Malta’s fight against illegal spring hunting. This camp is being

Whales. Raise awareness & encourage involvement in the resource. BUT Like working with people, confident & passionate about these least known whales.

Exciting opportunity to promote one of ORCA’s biggest projects. Source news, stories & other info for the website from researchers & whale watchers. The site will need to be updated at least weekly with info you provide. BUT Creative with good literacy skills & ability to supply info direct to the website in html format an advantage.

ORCA frequently needs assistance with publications & printing work & would like to build up a small database of willing graphic designers available to assist with such projects. Solicitors & accountants that have some free time to be able to assist the charity as & when required. Help in an advisory or other capacity. All PAY 0 ASK Dylan Walker, Project Development Officer Dylan@orcoweb.org.uk

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3   JOB CANAL RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS
BE4 ongoing  LOC UK WIDE
PAY on site training*  FOR WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP
DES Get outdoors & dirty in 2008. WRG organises week long & weekend canal restoration projects throughout England & Wales. Chance to learn new skills such as bricklaying, dumper truck driving & even how to rebuild a bridge. Opportunities from Devon to Shropshire, Suffolk to Wales. *machine driving & heritage skills. BUT No experience required, just willingness to have fun & get involved. Over 18 years. ASK www.wrg.org.uk Jenny jenny.black@waterways.org.uk 01923 711114 ext 23

REF VOL-DIRECT-10/3   JOB REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS
BE4 N/A  LOC SE, SW, NE, NW of England, Scotland & Wales
PAY 1 days training, travel & subsistence expenses  FOR THE GREEN BLUE*
DES Represent the Green Blue at events such as boat shows, boat jumbles, regattas & also give talks & advice to local sailing/boat clubs & interested gps. * Royal Yachting Assoc & British Marine Federation. BUT Enthusiastic, passionate about sailing & boating activities & have some knowledge of but more importantly enthusiasm for env issues. Own transport required. ASK Info & application pack Katherine Rowberry 023 80604227 katherine.rowberry@thegreenblue.org.uk
organised during the peak spring migration period in Malta and thus the period with the highest expected hunting intensity. This spring camp will follow hot on the heels of the very successful Raptor Camp run by BirdLife Malta in September 07 during which over 50 people from the UK, Germany, Italy, Finland, the USA, Hungary and the Netherlands participated. To find out more http://www.birdlifemalta.org/conservation/other_projects/springwatch/

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand welcomes volunteers to projects including tree planting, track construction, wildlife surveys, weed control, seed collection on the North Island. Join the Conservation Experience, starting from AUD $945 for 4 weeks, fully inclusive meals, accommodation, travel. Visit www.conservationvolunteers.co.nz or email international booking office in Australia - bookings@conservationvolunteers.com.au

Conservation Volunteers Australia welcomes international volunteers to join practical conservation projects - tree planting, track construction, wildlife surveys, heritage restoration, weed control, seed collection etc. Join the Conservation Experience, starting from AUD $945 for 4 weeks, fully inclusive of meals, accommodation and travel. Visit www.conservationvolunteers.com.au, or email bookings@conservationvolunteers.com.au

Global Vision International (GVI) The expedition based in Mahahual, Mexico, supports and assists the local non-profits, as well as international NGO’s and universities. Expedition Members can receive dive training and participate in a comprehensive training program and conservation initiatives. see www.gvi.co.uk

Volunteering – Spotlight on Skills

Lantra is your Sector Skills Council, ensuring that training and skills development meets the needs of businesses, employees and volunteers in 17 industries across the UK.

One third of the workforce in the environmental and land-based sector is made up of volunteers - that’s up to 500,000 individuals - supporting industries like animal care, equine, environmental conservation, fisheries management and trees and timber.

Working with industry organisations and partners Lantra is highlighting to funding providers, advisers and policy makers the enormous contribution that volunteers make to biodiversity, inclusive communities and quality of life – more difficult to measure than economic outputs perhaps, but equally deserving of support. Organisations including the Blue Cross, BTCV, local authorities, the National Trust, the RSPB, the RSPCA and the Wildlife Trusts actively support Lantra’s work and help to keep volunteering high on the agenda.

They have supported advisory groups and skills research by sharing information on the number of volunteers they support, their skills needs and giving their views on the areas of skills development and training which should be prioritised in the future.

To help volunteers map their skills Lantra has devised an ‘Online Competence Framework’, a tool designed to recognise and record practical experience and achievements, which in turn provides evidence of their employability. Lantra can also use this information to attract financial support for bite-sized, or ‘unitised’, learning opportunities.

One specific skills challenge is the need for improved species identification and field survey skills in environmental conservation. Volunteer training programmes supported by BTCV, the National Trust, the RSPB, Wildlife Trusts and others are helping to address this skills gap, one of many that Lantra can highlight to key stakeholders and governments.

As Dr Gordon McGlone, Lantra Chairman and Chief Executive at the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust says, “Without volunteers there would not be a Wildlife Trust movement [referring to support ranging from habitat management to his Board of Trustees]; for every £1 we invest in volunteers there is an estimated £4 return”. Projected across the environmental and land-based industries the economic contribution of volunteering is enormous; taking the wider social and biodiversity benefits into account your contribution across the UK is monumental …. oh, and it’s fun too!! Lantra is committed to supporting that contribution, and welcomes your thoughts on how we can champion your future skills development – please visit www.lantra.co.uk for more information, or contact us at connect@lantra.co.uk

All current voluntary opportunities are posted online and are freely available at: http://www.countryside-jobs.com/cjsweekly/Vols.htm . The page is updated weekly. You’ll also find links to the main volunteering organisations at: http://www.countryside-jobs.com/Information/Links.htm
### Key:
- **REF**: CJS reference no. (job number – source – delete date)
- **PAY**: £ range - usually per annum (but check starting point)
- **DE**: Description of Job
- **FOR**: Employer
- **BUT**: Person Spec / Requirements
- **ASK**: More details from / How to apply
- **IV**: Interview date
- **LOC**: Location
- **BE4**: Application closing date

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- Please check the **BUT** section to ensure that you have all of the required qualifications / experience before you apply. Contact only the person, number or address given and if an SAE is required double check you have the correct stamps.

### Abbreviations:
- **arb**: arboriculture
- **asst**: assist/ant
- **p/t**: part-time
- **computerate**: computer literate
- **cside**: countryside
- **cert**: certificate
- **env**: environment
- **equiv**: equivalent
- **esp**: especially
- **incl**: include
- **rel**: relevant
- **org**: organization
- **qual**: qualification
- **IV**: interview
- **pref**: preferably
- **c**: circa
- **FBT**: Forestry & British Timber magazine
- **hort**: horticulture
- **temp**: temporary
- **SAE**: stamped self-addressed envelope (NB check postage!)
- **vol**: volunteer
- **wb**: week beginning
- **2+years**: 2 or more years
- **?**: no info/unclear
- **[yes]**: yes that is

PLEASE REMEMBER to DOUBLE CHECK the BE4 (closing date) of the vacancies. And please contact only the person, telephone number, email address given.

Also, please mention CJS when applying.

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