



Countryside Jobs Service

Focus on Volunteering



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In association with the Woodland Trust

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UK's first young people's forest to bring mass volunteering opportunity

A quarter of a million trees are set to be planted in a mass youth engagement project to create the UK's first Young People's Forest.



(Phil Formby)

The Woodland Trust has teamed up with #iwill – a campaign set up to increase volunteering and social action opportunities for young people – to offer a special opportunity to youngsters across the Midlands and beyond to take part in volunteering.

The Trust is in the process of acquiring a 162 hectare (400 acre) former coal mine site close to Heanor in Derbyshire – known as Mead - which it plans to turn into a forest.

The site provides the perfect opportunity to engage young people in a mass scale and over the coming months it is hoped young people will take a starring role in shaping its future.

Project chief Carol Honeybun-Kelly of the Woodland Trust said: "This is a really exciting opportunity as it's the first time we've ever acquired land expressly for youth engagement. We want to make a really concerted effort to ensure young people feel this new wood is for them. If young people see themselves having an impact here, it will give them confidence to think they can change things in their own lives and beyond."

To make it happen, the Trust has received support from the #iwill Fund, which is made up of joint investment from the Big Lottery Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport –

to support young people to take part in meaningful social action. Pears Foundation is acting on behalf as a match funder. The #iwill Fund supports the aims of the #iwill campaign. The Veolia Environment Trust has also supported the project with funding.

With around £500,000 already in the bag to help the Trust buy the first quarter of the site, #iwill experts will now lay on advice and mentorship as youngsters are given the opportunity to plant and volunteer.

Charlotte Hill is chief executive of the charity behind #iwill and sees great things on the horizon:

She said: "It's super that we are able to harness such an unusual site. It's equidistant between Nottingham and Derby, and a million people live within a 20-minute drive. And it feels powerful to have a really inspiring project for young people embedded in the community."

Two outreach officers will soon be recruited, with a brief to connect Mead



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with schools and existing youth projects, as well as probation and young offenders' programmes.

Carol reckons the first of 250,000 saplings will be ready to plant from next autumn, with youngsters wielding the shovels – and she wants to involve them at every level of conservation.

“Young people themselves should be driving the decisions here, but I would love this to be a place where all kinds of things can happen,” she added, “career training, practical workshops, bushcraft sessions, music festivals. The potential is terrific.”

The land sits in a fantastic position; south of Heanor and adjacent to the very popular Shipley Country Park, which itself is near to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Woodside Farm. Together, these three areas would make more than 500 hectares (nearly 1,300 acres) of connected, wildlife friendly space for people to enjoy.

One such school already engaged in the project is Mapperley C of E School, which has achieved gold status in the Woodland Trust's Green Tree Schools Award and has planted free trees provided by the Woodland Trust on nearby land.

The Trust will need to raise almost £5 million more to turn the site into a community powerhouse.

The site, currently owned by the Howarth Group, already boasts a wealth of paths and bridleways which will be retained.

The Green Tree Schools Award is run by the charity and gives the opportunity for schools to inspire youngsters to get out into nature through a series of challenges.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project or in volunteering click on <https://c-js.co.uk/2BkXbTD> or contact the Woodland Trust at: enquiries@woodlandtrust.org.uk

The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest charity championing native woods and trees. It has over 500,000 supporters. The Trust has three key aims: i) plant native trees and woods with the aim of creating resilient landscapes for people and wildlife ii) protect ancient woodland which is rare, unique and irreplaceable iii) restoration of damaged ancient woodland, bringing precious pieces of our natural history back to life.

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 22,500 hectares. Access to its woods is free.

National:

Is your interest in bats more than fly-by-night? Become one of the volunteers who nurse thousands of bats back to health each year. The Bat Conservation Trust can help you get rabies vaccinations and put you in touch with experienced carers for training. Contact Laura Brown on lbrown@bats.org.uk for information.

Canal Camps offer a unique opportunity to volunteer & learn new skills, whilst helping restore some of the country's best-loved waterways. We have 25 holidays on 13 sites, offering volunteers the chance to learn new skills, make their CV's stand out and meet new people! Find out more: 01494 783453 ext 610 enquiries@wrg.org.uk or visit the website www.wrg.org.uk



Paul Bunton of the Woodland Trust pictured with children from Mapperley C of E School & Bridget McGing of Pears Foundation
(Phil Formby)

Help us monitor the UK's bats by taking part in one or more of our surveys and observing these fascinating mammals in your local area. Anyone can take part, from beginners to experts, and we run training workshops. Find a survey to suit you and sign up online at <http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/nbmp.html>

RSPB are celebrating 50 years of RSPB Local Groups. Our self-funded, volunteer-led RSPB local groups are a significant presence, as the face and voice of the RSPB, in your community. We have over 140 local groups across the UK leading guided walks, attending events, organising indoor illustrated talks, carrying out wildlife surveys, fundraising, visiting schools and much much more. Interested in sharing your time and talents? Find your local group at www.rspb.org.uk/groups

Interested in moths? The Garden Moth Scheme is a citizen science project devoted to recording moths in our gardens. Moths are vital indicators of biodiversity, the health of our cities and countryside. Join a group of 400+ recorders who have contributed to several peer-reviewed research articles. www.gardenmoths.org.uk
email: gardenmothscheme@gmail.com

The Inland Waterways Association runs over 200 Canal Clean-up days throughout the year on various canals around England and Wales. Tasks include vegetation clearance, collecting rubbish, lopping and chopping brambles, painting or clearing towpaths and walkways. Wear old clothes and bring a packed lunch. For more information see IWA website. www.wrg.org.uk

Opportunities available for beginners and more experienced volunteers: adopt a site surveys; target species surveys e.g. the Clubtail Count; work groups at Dragonfly Hotspots (Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Thursley NNR in Surrey, Stover Country Park in Devon, Rodley Nature Reserve in Leeds); outreach network. Contact conservation@british-dragonflies.org.uk

Observatree volunteers carry out surveys of woods for the presence and absence of specific pests and diseases on common tree species. In fact, recording negative sightings of disease is just as important. Surveyors are sometimes asked to carry out targeted surveys for specific pests and diseases during new outbreaks. <https://c-js.co.uk/2Sgo9FN>

Volunteers are what make Sustrans special. 3,500 across the UK are grounded in communities and make a real difference in their area. From sprucing up the National Cycle Network, to empowering people to walk and cycle, improving wildlife along greenways to inspiring young people in schools to get active. <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/volunteer-sustrans>

The Waterway Recovery Group has 25 canal restoration projects, or Canal Camps, around the UK. Working outdoors, volunteers will clear vegetation or learn new skills like bricklaying, stone walling, restoring locks, re-lining canals or creating towpaths. Each week-long Camp costs £70 and includes food and accommodation. See website for information. www.waterways.org.uk

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (UK) WWOOF

Live and learn on an organic farm.

Exchange your help for food and accommodation.

Volunteer with WWOOF.

WWOOF UK has 600+ hosts across the British Isles including farms, smallholdings, vineyards, crofts, retreat centres, tea plantations, breweries, nature reserves and woodlands. All of them ready to open their doors to you. You don't need to know a lot about farming, just be willing to learn and fit in with your hosts' lifestyle. It's £20 single online membership or £30 joint online membership to join. Go to wwoof.org.uk for more information. Start a life changing adventure today - join WWOOF UK.



REF	286-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	TREE HEALTH SURVEYORS
BE4	N/A	LOC	VARIOUS LOCATIONS*
PAY	0	FOR	WOODLAND TRUST

We are recruiting volunteer Tree Health Surveyors for our Observatree project (in the areas below) to carry out surveys of woods and trees for the presence and absence of specific pests and diseases on common tree species. In fact, recording negative sightings of disease (healthy host trees) is just as important. Surveyors are sometimes asked to carry out targeted surveys for specific pests and diseases during new outbreaks and also have the option to set up their own sentinel tree plots to monitor the health of individual trees. *Locations: North and South Wales; North Cornwall and Devon; Hampshire; Oxfordshire; Berkshire; Kent; Cambridgeshire; Norfolk; Scotland; The North East and the North West. For further details about this role: <https://c-js.co.uk/2Sgo9FN>

REF	287-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	DRAGONFLY RECORDER
BE4	N/A	LOC	HOME BASED
PAY	?	FOR	BRITISH DRAGONFLY SOCIETY

The British Dragonfly Society (BDS) needs your help in protecting Britain's Dragonflies. Join the DragonflyWatch and record Dragonflies at your local wetland sites. Your records will help the BDS monitor the health of Dragonfly populations across the county, identifying important sites, and influencing conservation action. Beginners are always welcome and advice, and support, is available to those who need it. BDS recorders are also encouraged to pursue other volunteering activities for Dragonflies, depending on their personal interests, including fundraising, engagement, research, and practical habitat management. Visit www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/get-involved

REF	288-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	NATIONAL BAT HELPLINE VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	Home based
PAY	Travel expenses TBC	FOR	BAT CONSERVATION TRUST

Volunteer with the Bat Conservation Trust this summer! Every year the National Bat Helpline receives thousands of calls from members of the public who have found an orphaned or injured bat. We are fast approaching the time of year when bats become more active, and our Helpline becomes very busy. To help with this vital Helpline service on evenings and weekends, the Bat Conservation Trust organise an Out of Hours (OOH) Helpline from May to September. During this time, dedicated and passionate volunteers answer emergency calls from the public and put them in touch with local bat care volunteers. Volunteers are provided with full training on their role and typically assist with a few four hour 'bat watches' a month (depending on people's availability). To register your interest or to find out more, please email outfhours@bats.org.uk or visit our website: <https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/volunteer/helpline>

REF	289-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	LOCAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	Homebased and local area – England and Wales only
PAY	Training & some expenses	FOR	BRITISH DRAGONFLY SOCIETY

Do you love Dragonflies? Would you love to share your passion for these iconic insects with others? As a Local Outreach Volunteer you will be an ambassador for our charity and for dragonflies and their conservation. Duties may include giving talks

to local groups in your area about our work and the wonderful world of Dragonflies, representing us at local events, taking leaflets to local venues, running Dragonfly identification courses, or leading guided walks at local nature reserves/parks to see Dragonflies. We can provide templates and content for talks, materials for event displays and all the support you will need to make the role your own. The role is very flexible and it is totally up to you which type of events you cover and how much time you can give. Please get in touch with Conservation Outreach Officer Fiona to find out more and to apply for the role: fiona.mckenna@british-dragonflies.org.uk



REF	290-FOCUSR-8/3	JOB	VOLUNTEER GROUP CO-ORDINATORS
BE4	N / A	LOC	VARIOUS*
PAY	0	FOR	SUSTRANS

Volunteers are what make Sustrans special. 3,500 across the UK are grounded in communities & make a real difference in their area. From sprucing up the national Cycle Network, to empowering people to walk & cycle, improving wildlife along greenways to inspiring young people in schools to get active. As a Volunteer Group Co-ordinator you are responsible for co-ordinating volunteer activities in an agreed geographical location. This involves bringing together & motivating a volunteer group to carry out a range of tasks aimed at maintaining & enhancing the National Cycle Network, supporting Sustrans' projects in the area & / or promoting sustainable travel. You will act as the main volunteer contact in the area & ensure information, knowledge & resources are shared with local volunteers & link in with other groups. *We are looking for Group Co-ordinators in Skipton <https://c-js.co.uk/2ssei13> Doncaster <https://c-js.co.uk/2FzYwch> Pennines <https://c-js.co.uk/2FBpVKN> Copeland <https://c-js.co.uk/2VZAopp> Carlisle <https://c-js.co.uk/2RSb0T0> Tameside <https://c-js.co.uk/2VX7nKU> & Hull <https://c-js.co.uk/2t0H9Ke>

REF	291-FOCUS-29/3	JOB	RSPB RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEERS
BE4	end of March	LOC	UK WIDE
PAY	Free accom & training	FOR	RSPB

3 - 6 months full time. Are you passionate about conservation? Or more of a people person? Got good bird ID skills? We are looking for residential volunteers to join our reserve teams across the UK. We have practical conservation, visitor experience and surveying opportunities at various locations around the UK for volunteers who would like to come and join our teams for 3 - 6 months. We will provide you with a great insight into the life of a conservation charity and offer free accommodation and training where appropriate. You will need to be over 18, and have a clean driving licence, although this is not an essential at some locations. You will need to demonstrate a genuine interest in conservation and wildlife, and if you have some practical, people, or monitoring skills or a conservation qualification, then you could be the person we are looking for. For information please see our website at www.rspb.org.uk/residentialvolunteering

Scotland:

Clydesdale Community Initiatives offer outstanding opportunities for people experiencing long term physical or mental health issues & social disadvantage to participate in a range of social & vocational activities that positively impact on health & wellbeing. Programme includes environmental volunteering opps, natural cosmetic group, community kitchen and a wood craft social enterprise. Tel 01555 664211

Conservation Volunteering with Lothians Conservation Volunteers. We are a group of volunteers who do practical environmental conservation in Edinburgh and the Lothians nearly every Sunday (and some Saturdays too). We work for a variety of clients for the benefit of the wildlife, environment and people of Scotland. We provide transport and all the tools, training and safety equipment needed. www.lcv.org.uk

Butterfly Conservation Scotland's 'Bog Squad' runs regular bog restoration sessions with volunteers on peatland sites throughout central Scotland. Tasks include installing dams, clearing scrub and conducting peat depth surveys. More information is available on our blog <http://bogsquad.weebly.com/> Get in touch with David Hill at peatproject@btconnect.com or on 01786 459813

the marine wonders to a global audience. * plus skills development & contribution to expenses. Application packs available from Mario Ray info@marine-reserve.uk 01890 752509

REF 297-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER - NORTH EAST**
 BE4 Ongoing LOC DUNDEE - TO COVER NORTH EAST SCOTLAND
 PAY Training / expenses FOR SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST

Any full day Monday to Thursday. We are looking for volunteers to work with our Reserves Project Officer based at Dundee to undertake a varied range of outdoor practical tasks on our nature reserves such as grassland, woodland & peat bog management. Travel from Dundee to the work sites & back is provided. You should be interested in the environment & carrying out physical work outdoors sometimes in poor weather. Willing to work as part of a team. Contact Peter Gilbert pgilbert@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk for details

REF 298-FOCUS-12/4
 JOB **KNOCKENGORROCH SPRING VOLUNTEER WEEK**
 BE4 19/4/19
 LOC KNOCKENGORROCH, GALLOWAY HILLS
 PAY Meals provided
 FOR KNOCKENGORROCH CIC



The week runs from 19 to 29 April 2019. Outdoor activities – gardening, building including roofing and cladding, woodworking, sorting, cooking, painting at Knockengoroch, a smallholding in the Galloway Hills to improve the site in readiness for our music festival in May. Practical, enthusiastic and creative people all welcome. Skill sharing and great company are provided. You do not need to attend the whole week. All meals provided, camping and some caravans. There may be opportunities to join our production team in May for 2019 's festival. Contact Liz Holmes 01644 460662 / 07718 35 8160 Email: info@knockengoroch.org.uk www.knockengoroch.org.uk

REF 299-FOCUS-15/3 JOB **RSPB FORSINARD RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEERS**
 BE4 Mid March 2019 LOC RSPB FORSINARD RESERVE, SCOTLAND
 PAY Free accom & training FOR RSPB

3 - 6 months full time preferably. At Forsinard we manage the largest RSPB reserve in the UK. We have a range of top opportunities in a variety of roles for you to gain further experience in ecological surveying or visitor experience. Our Learning Development and Communities Officers are looking for a volunteer to help us build upon and increase our reach across this large area and beyond. Including supporting the development and delivery of learning sessions for schools, organising and supporting a programme of community events across the Flow Country, and contributing to our marketing and communications work. We would also like to recruit practical conservation volunteers to support all aspects of our work on this internationally important expanse of blanket bog, which at 21,000ha is the RSPB's largest reserve in the UK. You will assist with survey and monitoring, research and land management aspects of the site. See our website for details at www.rspb.org.uk/residentialvolunteering

REF 300-FOCUS-1/3 JOB **VOLUNTEER RANGERS X3**
 BE4 3/3/19 IV 13 or 14/3/19 LOC GLENCOE, LOCHABER
 PAY Shared accommodation provided FOR NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

7 months, commencing on 8th April and running until the end of October 2019. Would suit recent a graduate or someone starting a career in conservation. All posts would involve a variety of tasks working as part of the Ranger team. These could include footpath maintenance, tree nursery work, delivery of education and events, ecological survey work/habitat monitoring, fencing, assisting the stalker, and staffing the information desk. Applicants who are available for the duration of the season will be favoured. Some knowledge / experience in the relevant field required but a willingness to learn is essential. Ability to work under own initiative and good communication skills necessary. Volunteers must also be happy with working and living in a remote place, leading walks and other events and working both indoors and outdoors. A full clean driving licence is essential. The post is subject to a Disclosure Scotland (PVG) check. Please email glencoe@nts.org.uk for information, and please apply at: https://www.nts.org.uk/Volunteering/Opportunities/

REF 301-FOCUSR-8/3
 JOB **SEVEN LOCHS 'WILDLIFE COUNTS' VOLUNTEERS**
 BE4 8/3/19
 LOC Seven Lochs Wetland Park, Glasgow / North Lanarkshire
 PAY Training & travel expenses
 FOR TCV SCOTLAND



Flexible - anything from 1 day per month. The Seven Lochs 'Wildlife Counts' Project is seeking volunteers to help monitor and record wildlife across the Seven Lochs Wetland Park - as 17sq km park that spans the Glasgow City / North Lanarkshire Council boundary between Easterhouse, Coatbridge and Stepps. Activities include regular bee and butterfly recording, bird and amphibian survey, and setting up and monitoring nest cameras and camera traps. Training in identification and survey techniques will be provided. To find out more contact us at info@sevenlochs.org or through Facebook and Twitter @SevenLochs

REF 302-FOCUSR-26/7 JOB **CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**
 BE4 Ongoing LOC Eglinton Country Park and other North Ayrshire sites
 PAY 0 FOR NORTH AYRSHIRE RANGER SERVICE

Help support North Ayrshire Ranger Service by taking part in a variety of conservation tasks in Eglinton Country Park and other sites around North Ayrshire. No experience required, tools and training provided. Learn new skills, meet new people and have fun. Contact North Ayrshire Ranger Service on 01294 551776 or email joannejohnstone@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for further information.

REF 303-FOCUS-OK8
 JOB **RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEERS – NNRs in the Scottish Highlands**
 BE4 Ongoing
 LOC CREAG MEAGAIH NNR; BEINN EIGHE NNR AND RUM NNR
 PAY Accommodation and training
 FOR SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE



1 to 6 months. The Scottish Highlands are world renowned for their breath-taking scenery and nature. Residential volunteering opportunities are now open for three of our National Nature Reserves (NNRs) for committed people who can stay for 1 to 6 months. Our volunteers get the chance to learn a manner of skills, and experience working in the spectacular landscapes of Scotland. The more time you stay with us the more you will experience and the more you will learn. This is an excellent chance to gain practical work experience, make new friends, and improve your CV. See our volunteering leaflet: <https://c-js.co.uk/2I2XAjF> Volunteers should bring an enthusiasm for the nature of Scotland, a willingness to learn new skills & a good level of fitness would be advantageous. We need help with a variety of work to keep our NNRs in good condition, welcome visitors, and to connect people with nature. Contact: volunteer@nature.scot

REF 304-FOCUSR-26/7
 BE4 Ongoing
 PAY Training
 JOB **WILDLIFE SURVEY VOLUNTEER**
 LOC Eglinton Country Park and other sites around North Ayrshire
 FOR NORTH AYRSHIRE RANGER SERVICE

1 day a week or month depending on survey. North Ayrshire Ranger Service requires your help to build a picture of the wildlife within Eglinton Country Park and surrounding North Ayrshire sites. Whether you are a beginner or an expert surveyor there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Report what you see whilst out walking or take part in a regular survey. Lots of support and training available. Contact North Ayrshire Ranger Service on 01294 551776 or email eglingtoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Northern Ireland:

REF 305-FOCUS-OK8
 BE4 Ongoing
 PAY In house training
 JOB **MURLOUGH VOLUNTEER RANGER**
 LOC MURLOUGH NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
 FOR NATIONAL TRUST

The volunteer positions here at Murlough are essentially practical conservation based but there are opportunities to get involved in environmental education, flora / fauna surveys & guided walks. You would be involved in scrub clearance, habitat management, path maintenance, litter clearing. You will learn outdoor practical skills, gain an understanding of how habitats are managed, improve your communication skills & get your hands dirty while enjoying the great outdoors. If you have a friendly & enthusiastic manner & enjoy working outside in particular, this role may suit you. This role can be physically demanding & you may be on your feet all day in all types of weather. Why not become part of a friendly & dedicated team & gain invaluable exp working on a nature reserve. There may be other activities where we could use your help, have a look on our 'Join In' web page for more information: <https://c-js.co.uk/2AsPpai> or email murlough@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF 306-FOCUS-OK8
 BE4 Ongoing
 PAY 0
 JOB **VOLUNTEER EDUCATION GUIDES**
 LOC MURLOUGH NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
 FOR NATIONAL TRUST

Volunteer Learning Guides help with and / or lead guided schools visits in the magnificent setting of Murlough. The team will also help with Wildlife Educational Events run on the property. Our Education programmes are linked to the aims of the National Curriculum. Nature, the Environment and Conservation are all given inspiration through our enhanced learning programmes and workshops which help children understand more about the world around them. You could be taking children on a mini-beast hunt and finding out all about the habitats of our indigenous animals. If you are outgoing, flexible and passionate about education and are happy to work outdoors, or if you enjoy a variety of work, like meeting people, working with children, having a friendly, helpful nature, please join our small team. There may be other activities where we could use your help, have a look on our 'Join In' web page at <https://c-js.co.uk/2AsPpai> or email murlough@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF 307-FOCUS-OK8
 BE4 Ongoing
 PAY Accommodation
 JOB **VOLUNTEER MOUNTAIN RANGER**
 LOC MURLOUGH NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
 FOR NATIONAL TRUST

Work as part of our dedicated ranger & volunteer team on the breathtaking Mourne Mountains which covers approx 526 hectares & forms a very important part of the Eastern Mournes ASSI & SAC. You will be providing much needed support for our existing mountain rangers in our exciting Mournes Path Improvement Project. You will be working with contractors & getting involved with the repair &, where necessary, replacement of the c7km path on Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland's highest peak & Slieve Commedagh. If you are interested in working outside in mountainous terrain, & would like to be part of a small friendly team, please apply. There may be other activities where we could use your help, have a look on our Join In web page for more information: <https://c-js.co.uk/2AsPpai> or email murlough@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF 308-FOCUS-OK8
 BE4 Ongoing
 PAY Training
 JOB **MURLOUGH VOLUNTEER BOARDWALK RANGER**
 LOC MURLOUGH NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, COUNTY DOWN
 FOR NATIONAL TRUST

Working with the Boardwalk Ranger, you will carry out formal inspections of all parts of the boardwalk network including way marking, signage, interpretation and the boardwalks themselves and will look at sustainable ways to repair / replace boardwalk. You will be working with a broader team of countryside staff and volunteers on the property and delivering an excellent service to visitors. If you have a friendly and enthusiastic manner and enjoy working outside in particular, this role may suit you. This role can be physically demanding and you may be on your feet all day in all types of weather.

Why not become part of a friendly and dedicated team and gain invaluable experience working on a Nature Reserve? There may be other activities where we could use your help, have a look on our 'Join In' web page for more information: <https://c-js.co.uk/2AsPpai> or email murlough@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF	309-FOCUSR-31/5	JOB	VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	BELFAST
PAY	Full support will be provided	FOR	GROUNDWORK NI

A few hours a week. We're seeking to recruit some volunteers who can help us manage and maintain our beautiful gardens in the heart of the community. We have community gardens in North, East, South and West Belfast all with capacity for more volunteers. By volunteering in the garden you'll have access to a horticulture specialist who can help you learn more about sowing, growing and planting in a fun and friendly environment. We provide full training to all our volunteers so whether you're a gardening guru or growing novice there is always something to do and learn and there is a real reward for your time as you see the garden blossom throughout the year. For further information about our volunteering opportunities contact: gillianorr@groundworkni.co.uk

REF	310-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTEER RANGER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	CROM ESTATE, NEWTOWNBUTLER, CO. FERMANAGH, BT92 8AJ
PAY	Accommodation*	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST FERMANAGH

25 - 30 hpw for up to 1 year. Assist in the management of Crom Estate, working on a wide range of practical conservation skills. Monitoring work including compilation of fauna surveys & botanical quadrats / transects. Invasive species control. Environmental education & interpretation work including website articles & press releases. Maintaining good working relationships with tenants, farmers, neighbours, other voluntary organisations, local communities & local authorities. Welcoming & liaising with visitors by providing information & guidance, which may include public speaking & guided walks. Undertaking such other appropriate practical & administrative tasks. This role will suit you if you: enjoy working outdoors in all weather conditions; work well as part of a team; have an appreciation & enthusiasm for the wildlife & the outdoors; prepared to undertake physical work; full driving licence essential. *Various household bills, travelling expenses, on the job training, & potential certified training (as & when needed by property). Email jade.blair@nationaltrust.org.uk for more info.

Take the plunge...volunteer

Student Volunteering Week 2019 runs from 11th - 17th February. This is the 18th year that Student Volunteering Week is taking place. In 2018 students and staff from over 60 Higher and Further Education Institutions led over 300 events. Getting involved offers a great chance for students to develop their skills while forming key social action partnerships in local communities.



"Student Volunteer week is a fantastic way for charities, community groups and non-profit organisations to work with students and celebrate existing student volunteers. Volunteering and getting outside is a known contributor to positive wellbeing, as well as positive community engagement. We can't wait to see what everyone has planned across the country this year"

Rosie Harvey, Student Volunteer Network Committee Chair
Student Opportunities Manager, University of Northampton Students' Union

SVW gives a great platform for students all across the country to support the local community with, among many other projects, conservation activities with local schools, wildlife trusts and charities. Local organisations invite student volunteers in to help with ongoing maintenance, or more specific projects for example planting trees, clearing walkways, or general gardening support. All the students that get involved with these activities report enjoying supporting the local community in such a practical, active way.

History

2019 is the 18th year of Student Volunteering Week in the UK. Student volunteering and social action in the UK have a long history, from university settlements and missions in the nineteenth century to work camps for the unemployed in the interwar period to CND protesting and Student Community Action after the Second World War and throughout the later part of the 20th Century. Students are often at the forefront of promoting different social issues and interests, like the sustainability agenda and social entrepreneurship.

Delivery partners

Student Volunteering Week is delivered through a partnership between Student Volunteering Network, Student Hubs and NUS. SVN (Student Volunteering Network)¹ is a peer support network for anyone employed by a UK higher or further education institution to support student volunteering activity. Staff use the SVN mailbase and frequent regional meetings to share best practice and collaborate on activities throughout the year.

Find out more on www.studentvolunteeringnetwork.com

Debbie Thornton
Student Volunteering Network Committee Events Team Leader
Volunteer Coordinator, University of Bath Students' Union



Links

1 <https://svn.unioncloud.org/>

Wales:

Keep Wales Tidy run working parties throughout the year & tasks include litter picking, habitat management, footpath works, woodland management, Coastcare & many more. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact KWT on 029 20256767 or info@keepwalestidy.cymru

Volunteering opportunities on our 'Get Active for Wildlife' project on a 40 acre nature reserve at Denmark Farm Conservation Centre, Lampeter, Ceredigion, SA48 7PN. Work days and training days planned. For more information please contact Linda at linda@denmarkfarm.org.uk

Our sessions are very sociable with the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy the natural environment and helping wildlife, learning new skills and boosting job prospects. All experience levels welcome, for the whole day or a few hours your help is greatly appreciated. For more information visit <https://c-js.co.uk/2S9dJbl>

REF	311-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK ACTIVITY VOLUNTEER
BE4	N / A	LOC	PEMBROKESHIRE
PAY	Expenses & training	FOR	PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Our Activity Volunteers support the National Park's Activities & Events programme, chatting to participants, keeping groups together on a guided walk, helping out on bat walks / twilight walks, family events & at our centres, Carew Castle, Castell Henllys & Oriel y Parc. No fixed amount of time required. Opportunities are available to become Volunteer Walk Leaders & full training such as walk leader training, first aid & risk assessment is provided. Please contact the National Park's Volunteering Development Officer, Rebecca Evans rebecca@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk

REF	312-FOCUSR-6/6	JOB	SNOWDONIA SOCIETY VOLUNTEER
BE4	N/A	LOC	SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK
PAY	Fuel expenses and parking costs can be claimed back	FOR	SNOWDONIA SOCIETY

Commit to 5 hours per volunteer day. The Snowdonia Society is a member-based conservation charity that works with local communities, organisations, businesses and individuals to help look after Snowdonia. Since 1967 the Snowdonia Society has worked tirelessly to ensure that Snowdonia is well-protected, well-managed and enjoyed by all. Through our conservation work we provide helping hands and a strong voice for Snowdonia's special landscape. But ultimately it is about the heart - the relationships people have with the nature, landscape and culture of Snowdonia. The Snowdonia Ecosystem Project carries out regular practical conservation volunteer workdays to help enhance and maintain the natural beauty of the National Park. From toads and trees to footpaths and fungi our project is an ideal way of getting directly involved in the conservation and management of Snowdonia National Park, whilst having fun and meeting new (and familiar) faces. Please email Owain or Dan for further details on how you can get involved. owain@snowdonia-society.org.uk dan@snowdonia-society.org.uk

REF	313-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	AVICULTURE INTERNSHIP
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	CARMARTHEN
PAY	On site, shared accom. A wage of £110 a week	FOR	INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSULTANTS

6 days a week, increasing to 7 days a week during busy periods. International Wildlife Consultants Ltd. is one of the oldest established falcon breeding facilities in Europe; having bred falcons since 1975 and exporting to the Middle East since 1987. Every year we breed over 200 falcons at our facility in Wales. Responsibilities include: food preparation; care of live quail; monitoring CCTV observations of breeding falcons under the supervision of aviculture staff; assisting aviculture staff with their work managing breeding birds; cleaning, repairs, maintenance of aviaries and avicultural facilities; rearing of young falcons in brooder room; assisting aviculture staff with their work managing and feeding young falcons through their stages of development; making falconry equipment & participation in the shipping of falcons. As well as breeding falcons we have 200 acres of farmland with different projects ongoing, such as tree planting, beekeeping, beaver and Stork projects to name a few. Find out more from wayne@falcons.co.uk

REF	314-FOCUS-22/2	JOB	UPLANDS RANGER (FULL TIME VOLUNTEER)
BE4	22/2/19	LOC	Dan y Gyrn, Blaenglyn Farm, Libanus, Brecon
PAY	Accom & training*	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST

Three to four days per week. The purpose of this role is to assist our uplands ranger team with maintenance work and activities across our sites in the Brecon Beacons and Monmouthshire, in particular with our footpath repair work and family events, whilst helping to preserve these special places for future generations. This role will suit someone who is passionate about preserving our uplands and the work of the National Trust. Keen to work in the great outdoors, whatever the weather, looking to develop a career in conservation and happy to work as part of a team. *Relevant training to the role will be provided, which could help with getting a job in conservation. Fully-furnished and fully-equipped accommodation, rent-free, is available for all full time volunteers for the duration of their time with us. Apply online via the National Trust volunteering website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer or for further information contact Lead Ranger Robert Reith on robert.reith@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF	315-FOCUS-22/2	JOB	CONSERVATION RANGER (FULL TIME VOLUNTEER)
BE4	22/2/19	LOC	Dan y Gyrn, Blaenglyn Farm, Libanus, Brecon
PAY	Accom & training*	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST

Three to four days per week. The purpose of this role is to assist two of our rangers with maintenance work and activities across our sites in the Brecon Beacons and Monmouthshire. You will gain experience in a wide range of activities including practical countryside maintenance, habitat management and visitor engagement whilst helping to preserve our special places for future generations. This role will suit someone who is passionate about preserving our special places and the work of the National Trust. Keen to work in the great outdoors, whatever the weather, looking to develop a career in conservation and happy to work as part of a team. *Relevant training to the role will be provided, which could help with getting a job in conservation. Fully-furnished and fully-equipped accommodation, rent-free, is available for all full time volunteers for the duration of their time with us. Apply online via the National Trust volunteering website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer or for further information contact Lead Ranger Robert Reith on robert.reith@nationaltrust.org.uk

Developing volunteering for all in National Parks

By Daniel Greenwood, South Downs National Park Authority

Volunteering with the South Downs National Park Authority

The nature conservation sector is built on the work of volunteers. Much of the need for conservation volunteers comes from historical changes to the way



Volunteers from the Eastern Area of the South Downs: the South Downs National Park relies heavily on volunteers to protect its special qualities (DG/SDNPA)

National Park, overseeing the work of volunteers under the moniker of the South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service², a voluntary organisation which is approaching its 40th birthday. Our volunteers are motivated by different aims, some want to be part of the landscape-scale preservation of wildlife and heritage, some enjoy the physical activity of managing scrub, installing gates and fences, whereas others are driven to support with monitoring by concerns for wildlife or archaeology.

The South Downs volunteering network

One important thing to understand about volunteering is the differentiation between volunteers as individuals and the concept itself. For us, volunteering is the wider programme, structure and offer available to people who want to be involved in the National Park's movement and activities. One key aspect of this for the wider National Park is to hold volunteering network meetings, where professionals, including charities and voluntary groups, local authorities and other organisations who provide volunteering opportunities relevant to the National Park's purposes can meet. The meetings provide workshops and a chance for partners to offer their own perspectives on the direction of the Park. This is one of the key roles for a National Park to undertake, as by involving partners in the volunteering conversation, attempting to steer a clear direction of travel on the nature of volunteering in the Park, we can ensure that the good work being undertaken by other organisations is recorded, celebrated, supported and learned from. There is a huge amount of work going on in the South Downs, with our partners



The South Downs from Wilmington Hill: volunteering is a sprawling concept that requires planning, resources and partnership working (DG/SDNPA)

delivering 91,000 days of volunteering activity annually. You can see the South Downs volunteering map here³.

Developing volunteering to reach new audiences

There are many ways that people can become involved in protecting and enhancing the special qualities of a National Park. However, it requires a lot of work from an internal volunteering team and the relevant volunteer managers to ensure that opportunities are workable and resourced. Our volunteering and ranger teams have worked together to produce a volunteering development strategy and action plan to be delivered over the next five years. The plan is based on identified areas for diversification of opportunities within the National Park to improve the current volunteering offer and to engage people in volunteering who currently are not involved. Conservation as a movement has much to do to engage the next generation of volunteers



We are likely to see a shift in the way volunteering happens in future (DG/SDNPA)

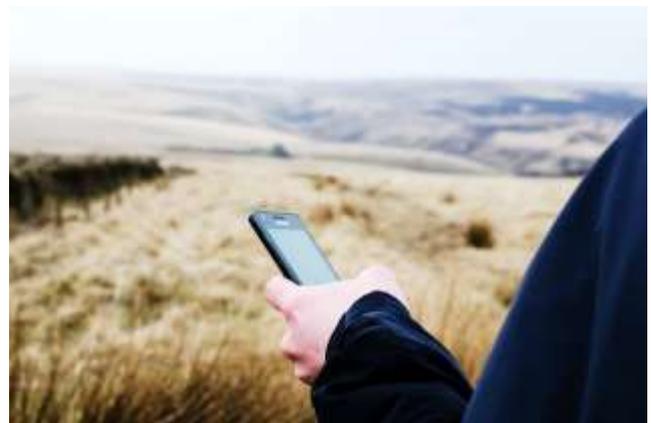
and, while we can do much more, the fact is that volunteering will change with society. We are likely to see a shift in the way volunteering happens in future, with people likely to retire later and the causes needing volunteers adapting over time. The truth is that though volunteering is often mistakenly seen as something you can only do in retirement, people of the 'millennial' generation are finding new and exciting ways to make a difference.

Finding a role for young people in National Parks, now!

In September 2018 the EUROPARC youth manifesto⁴ was launched to inspire and

establish a greater role for young people in the work and life of protected landscapes across Europe. The manifesto points to the exclusion that young people face in rural and protected landscape areas and answers in how to identify ways to increase youth involvement. The issues range from lack of educational or volunteering opportunities, to those involving the inability for young people to work and live in rural areas. At the South Downs we are piloting Youth Ambassador volunteer roles⁵ for two current volunteers. Our Youth Ambassadors will be getting involved in all manner of ways to promote the views of young people in the South Downs, from giving talks to partner organisations, writing articles for social media and other ways that they find worthwhile. We want them to lead.

One aspect we are keen to explore is micro-volunteering. We have identified a need to find ways for people to take part who work full-time or are unable to access regular, long-term opportunities for whatever reason. Smart phones allow us to be involved in a plethora of activities at any time, anywhere. In conservation, species monitoring apps like iRecord allow you to submit wildlife sightings that will then be sent to local record centres and experts for approval. This allows people to use their expertise to support conservation projects at a local and sometimes national level. On a personal level, this is currently the only form of volunteering I can fit into life alongside full-time work.



Advances in digital media technology and apps such as iRecord gives us the opportunity to take part in a wide range of volunteering activities (DG)

Conclusion

The conservation of natural and cultural heritage in the UK relies is underpinned by volunteers. Volunteering in a National Park provides one of the richest volunteering resources for people in the UK today but there is more that can be done to help people take part. Volunteering will change with society, meaning we need to find innovative ways for people to care about the causes that require volunteers to drive them and find ways for underrepresented people to be involved now. This process involves partnership working and a strategic vision for how we want people to be involved in future. If you're interested in volunteering in the South Downs check out the volunteering map showing opportunities available across the National Park³.

Links

- 1 <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/volunteering/>
- 2 <http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/volunteering/volunteering-ranger-service/>
- 3 <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/volunteering/volunteering-map/>

- 4 <https://www.europarc.org/nature/young-people/youth-manifesto/>
 5 <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/10-things-i-get-volunteering/>

North East:

River Stewardship Company is looking for volunteers to help maintain the river channels at weekly volunteer days in Sheffield and Leeds - on the River Don in Sheffield every Tuesday and the River Aire in Leeds every other Friday. Please contact Sarah for more info - sarah.emberson@the-rsc.co.uk / 07766 352932

'Adopt a Stream' provides training to people wanting to carry out monitoring on their local stretch of river. You can collect records on: Invasive species ; Water Quality – Dissolved oxygen, pH, Phosphorous, Nitrites, temperature, turbidity, sewage, invertebrates. Wildlife; Flooding; Areas of public access improvement. Please contact info@tyneriverstrust.org for more information.

Volunteering with Tyne Rivers Trust is a great way to spend time outdoors, meet new people and of course, improve the river. Our volunteers are vital to the Trust and carry out practical tasks that improve habitat and make the river a better place to be. Find out more on www.tyneriverstrust.org

Discover beautiful woodlands & river habitats in the Derwent Valley & surrounding areas. Land of Oak & Iron woodland volunteer tasks every Monday across our area & Friends of Prudhoe Woods tasks every Tuesday & Thursday. We also have occasional training days & river restoration tasks.
 pdownes@durhamwt.co.uk
<http://landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on/>

Leeds' cemeteries each have their own distinctive character, interesting history and diverse wildlife that make them wonderful places to visit. Volunteers will meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month to perform practical work to restore and enhance these valuable historic green spaces. For more information contact: nicholas.denman@leeds.gov.uk

We are a Harrogate-based disability charity looking for a volunteer to work with and support adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues to carry out conservation tasks on Fridays. Tools and training are provided. Please call Kate on 01423 507227 or email info@opencountry.org.uk for more details.

The Friends of Chevin Forest meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month to carry out habitat and site maintenance at this wonderful and popular nature site above the town of Otley. Contact jonathan.dunster@leeds.gov.uk for more details.

Join Leeds Wildlife Volunteers on the 2nd & 4th Weds of each month to carry out habitat and site maintenance tasks (and occasional surveys) at nature areas all over the Leeds area. Contact jonathan.dunster@leeds.gov.uk for more details.

Volunteer tree planting days and weekend residential in the beautiful South Pennines, Upper Calder Valley, West Yorkshire. Woodland creation for flood risk alleviation and habitat creation. For more details see: www.treesresponsibility.com, Contact Christina Hooley Volunteer Coordinator, treesresponsibility@gmail.com mobile: 07709 690368

North York Moors National Park has a wide range of opportunities for both practical and administrative roles - click the link below find out more!
<https://c-js.co.uk/2DjzQmQ>

The Wear Rivers Trust is looking for both practical task and monitoring volunteers to help out with varied river restoration, Non-Native Invasive Species and habitat and species monitoring tasks across the River Wear catchment in County Durham and Sunderland. Please email david.tompkins@wear-rivers-trust.org.uk or phone 01388 488867 to learn more!

The Friends of Hawksworth Wood meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month to carry out habitat and site maintenance at this wonderful urban woodland nestled in between Hawksworth, Horsforth & Kirkstall. Contact jonathan.dunster@leeds.gov.uk for more details.

We are working in partnership with the Forestry Commission to return over 600 hectares of commercial conifer plantation to native woodland. We hold regular volunteer days removing regenerating conifers and planting native trees. All welcome. For more details contact: j.h.hodgson@leeds.ac.uk or Facebook/twitter/Instagram @hardknotforest

REF	316-FOCUSR-31/5	JOB	WELCOME VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	OLD MOOR RSPB
PAY	Expenses	FOR	RSPB

Once a week. Would you like to help us give a great welcome, and help with increasing our memberships? Here at Old Moor you will be welcoming visitors at our Visitor Centre, providing great customer service, and speaking to non member visitors to encourage them to become a member of the RSPB. Very friendly team and great atmosphere. To find out more contact: Ivy Sheryn 07428 744411, ivy.sheryn@rspb.org.uk

REF	317-FOCUSR-OK6	JOB	LAND OF OAK & IRON EVENTS VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	DERWENT VALLEY, NE ENGLAND
PAY	Travel expenses	FOR	Land of Oak & Iron (through Groundwork NE & Cumbria)

Approx. 1 day / month. Provide support to the Land of Oak & Iron staff team & partner orgs in organising & helping on the day at a range of events to promote Land of Oak & Iron & opportunities for local people to take part. Tasks may incl event planning & publicity, setting up on the day, running activities & talking to members of the public. Individuals need no prior exp, just enthusiasm & passion for the area. Find out more from Kath Marshall-Ivens kath.marshall-ivens@groundwork.org.uk 01207 524883 / 07966 330028

REF	318-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTARY RIVER STEWARD
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	SHEFFIELD
PAY	Training / uniform / expenses	FOR	RIVER STEWARDSHIP COMPANY

2 or 3 days per week for a continuous 9 month period. The Voluntary River Steward will assist the RSC Landscape team to deliver a variety of waterway maintenance tasks and habitat improvements on Yorkshire's waterways. The successful post holder will gain experience in tasks including: felling, coppicing and pollarding trees; planting trees, shrubs and other flora; habitat creation such as the erection of kingfisher perches and otter holts; invasive species control and litter and debris management within the river channel, banks and riverside footpaths. There will also be an opportunity to assist in the delivery of a variety of community engagement activities, such as running practical volunteer days. Contact Sarah Emberson sarah.emberson@the-rsc.co.uk

REF	319-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	TASK FORCE VOLUNTEER
BE4	N/A	LOC	RAINTON MEADOWS OR LOW BARNES
PAY	Training	FOR	DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST

1 day a week. Practical habitat management incl scrub clearance, tree felling, burning, coppicing, tree planting/maintenance, hedge laying, meadow raking, balsam control, bracken control, path mowing and reed cutting as part of a group of volunteers. Assist with fencing work and infrastructure repairs or new installation of bridges, steps and surfaced footpaths. Help move livestock. Assist with survey work & habitat management, learn to use hand tools and gain carpentry and fencing skills with opportunities to learn practical management skills. On the job training relevant to tasks undertaken. Improve communication skills & have the opportunity to learn/enhance/share local knowledge of wildlife and conservation. To find out more and apply contact Zoe Hull on 0191 5843112 zhull@durhamwt.co.uk

REF	320-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	BUTTERFLY SURVEYORS
BE4	4/3/19 Training day 26/3/19	LOC	Various Nature Reserves in North and East Yorkshire
PAY	0	FOR	YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Survey season April to end of September, flexible to suit volunteer. Butterfly Surveyors required for various nature reserves across North and East Yorkshire. You'll carry out butterfly transects on YWT reserves following the Butterfly Conservation survey methodology, in conjunction with other surveyors. You'll need access to a computer to record the data onto the UK Butterfly Conservation Trust website. Find out more on <https://www.ywt.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>

REF	321-FOCUS-29/3	JOB	SHOREBIRD WARDEN (PLACEMENT)
BE4	31/3/19	LOC	LINDISFARNE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
PAY	To be confirmed	FOR	LINDISFARNE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, NATURAL ENGLAND

Three month placement. An exciting opportunity to work as part of a close team supporting with the protection and monitoring of breeding Shorebirds at various locations around Lindisfarne NNR. This will involve counts of adults, chicks and fledglings, as well as contributing to other monitoring programmes such as food provisioning. There will be a large aspect of assisting with species protection, which will include the installation and maintenance of signage and anti-predator fencing. You will be required to engage with members of the public visiting the nesting sites, educating them on the sensitivities of the breeding birds and enforcing public exclusion zones. You will also have the opportunity to support with public outreach events held around the Reserve which raise awareness of the nesting birds on our beaches. Accommodation near the Reserve is recommended, with the possibility of camping at nearby sites. For more information please call the Reserve office on 01289 381470.



REF	322-FOCUS-1/3	JOB	LEARNING & COMMUNITY ASSISTANT
BE4	28/2/19 IV wb 4/3/19	LOC	GIBSIDE, GATESHEAD
PAY	Accom, basic food costs, funding for training	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST

A 37 hour week, usually Monday to Friday, some evenings and weekends when required. A full time residential volunteer opportunity for 6-12 months to help in the preparation and delivery of educational activities to school and community groups. You will help in the day to day management of the bunkhouse, deliver family engagement activities including birthday parties, and help create interpretation. This role will suit people who enjoy working with people of all ages and abilities and who are looking to develop their own skills and experience of working in the heritage sector. You should have some knowledge and experience of British natural history, working with young people and have the ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team. This role can be physically demanding so you need to be reasonably fit and willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions. To apply please send a CV and cover letter to elizabeth.jenner@nationaltrust.org.uk For any questions please call 01207 541200

REF	323-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	EDUCATION TEAM VOLUNTEER
BE4	Available constantly	LOC	THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM
PAY	Training	FOR	THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

The Education Officer will provide a diary of school visits and you can sign up for as many or as few as you like. Most schools arrive around 10am, stay for a picnic lunch and leave mid-afternoon. The job is to support the Education Officer in providing stimulating learning and activity sessions for schools and assist the children with practical activities. Also to help with producing and maintaining educational resources, materials and equipment. Experience of working with children is useful but not necessary. You will need to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. All school visit activities take place outdoors and whatever the weather, so you will need to be happy working in sunshine, rain and cold weather and provide your own suitable clothing and footwear. A certain amount of walking sometimes over rough, muddy or hilly ground is involved. Please contact volunteer@yorkshirearboretum.org. Please include a telephone number(s).

REF 324-FOCUS-1/3 JOB **SPURN RESERVE VOLUNTARY TRAINEE**
 BE4 4/3/19 IV 26/3/19 at Spurn LOC SPURN NNR
 PAY Accom, travel expenses & training budget FOR YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

12 months for 3 days week. This is an amazing opportunity to be part of the exciting developments at Spurn and help make it an exceptional place to visit. You will be involved in helping to plan and deliver practical reserve management and livestock management; be part of the visitor experience by welcoming visitors on site and providing essential information; helping out in the cafe and retail areas and also assisting with the varied and interesting programme of events that we have at Spurn. The variety of tasks you will be able to take part in should provide a good mix of skills for those who wish to work in the conservation sector and would be an attractive addition to your CV. If you would like to find out more and apply for this role please visit our website: <https://c-js.co.uk/2KGcmdv>

REF 325-FOCUS-2/8
 JOB **VOLUNTEER OFFICER**
 BE4 Ongoing
 LOC Sedum House, Mallard Way, Doncaster, DN4 8DB
 PAY Training at a value of approx. £1,000 + expenses
 FOR THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



Two to three days per week (Monday - Friday), for six months or more. Volunteer Officers assist and lead on a variety of sessions from green gyms, community events to educational activities. This role involves aspects such as planning and organising tasks, equipment maintenance, volunteer recruitment, and helping to deliver tasks with a view of leading tasks in the future. There are 3 Volunteer Officer positions available. Based in Doncaster with the view of practical work across our sites in Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley. Some knowledge of practical skills is desirable but not essential. No experience required as training will be provided, however, good communication skills and an enthusiasm for the outdoors is essential. A driver's licence would be beneficial but not essential and this role is subject to the completion of an enhanced DBS. To register your interest please call 01302 388832 or email southyorkshire@tcv.org.uk

REF 326-FOCUS-22/2 JOB **VOLUNTEER PARK RANGER**
 BE4 22/2/19 12pm LOC YORK
 PAY Local travel expenses covered. Training provided FOR ST NICKS

6 months, 3 days a week (Tuesday - Thursday). With our support and 'on the job' training, you will help the St Nicks team to look after our unique and diverse nature reserve through a variety of tasks such as wildflower planting, scything, invasive species control, tree planting / transplanting; leading and supporting volunteer groups; surveying and monitoring species and habitats; improving site access and maintaining signage; engaging with nature reserve users; and helping out at events. With various habitats to manage over 24 acres and diverse groups of volunteers to lead and supervise, the Volunteer Park Ranger role presents an exciting and challenging opportunity for those looking to embark on a career within the sector. There will also be opportunities to take on and lead LNR projects such as improving and monitoring riparian habitats, helping us to create educational resources for visitors and volunteers and developing methodologies for habitat or species surveys to help us better monitor our wildlife. Find out more from Maria Gill on 01904 411821, volunteer@stnicks.org.uk

REF 327-FOCUS-8/3 JOB **VOLUNTEER OFFICER**
 BE4 N / A LOC LEEDS
 PAY Training FOR TCV

Grab your chance to volunteer with the UK's leading practical conservation charity! As a springboard to your career in the environment sector or as personal development, becoming a Volunteer officer is a unique, highly rewarding experience. Learn practical skills working on conservation projects in & around Leeds. You will be responsible for organising & leading tasks, will gain experience in volunteer co-ordination & project management & have the opportunity to get involved with other projects & events including fundraising, educational activity days, publicity & marketing. Our Volunteer Officers are trained by experienced staff, through our formal training programme which includes: leadership, health & safety, tools, first aid, Midas, & safeguarding. As you will be working with a diverse group of volunteers, training will also be provided in mental health first aid; working with people with learning disabilities & equality & diversity. Visit www.tcv.org.uk/hollybush to find opportunities in your local area.

REF 328-FOCUSR-15/3 JOB **INSPIRING PEOPLE VOLUNTEER LIVING SEAS CENTRE**
 BE4 Taster Day 10/3/19 cd 13/3/19 9am LOC LIVING SEAS CENTRE, FLAMBOROUGH
 PAY 0 FOR YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Commitment is flexible. Our Living Seas Centre is a gateway to the wonderful marine wildlife found on Yorkshire's east coast, where we run lots of fun and inspiring public events. We'd like some new people to join the team and help make our visitors day special. If you enjoy talking to people and being in a busy and friendly environment, whilst making sure people have an inspiring visit and learning about the marine environment this is the role for you! If you'd like to dip your toe in before applying we are holding an Inspiring People Volunteer Taster Day at the Living Seas Centre Sunday 10th March 2019 10am-1pm. The day will consist of learning about what we do, taking part in some fun activities that you would be involved as an Inspiring People Volunteer and the next steps to joining the team. This is a bookable event, please send booking requests to volunteering@ywt.org.uk <https://www.ywt.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>

REF 329-FOCUSR-15/3 JOB **LIVING SEAS CENTRE WELCOME VOLUNTEER**
 BE4 Taster Day 10/3/19 cd 13/3/19 9am LOC LIVING SEAS CENTRE, FLAMBOROUGH
 PAY 0 FOR YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Commitment is flexible. Our Living Seas Centre is a gateway to the wonderful marine wildlife found on Yorkshire's east coast. Here you will find lots of passionate volunteers and staff to enthuse visitors about the marine environment and what they could see on their visit to the east coast. We'd like some new people to join the team and help make our visitors day special. If you enjoy talking to people and being in a busy and friendly environment, whilst making sure

people have an inspiring visit in a well-run centre, we would like to hear from you. We are holding a Welcome Volunteer Taster session 2pm-4pm on 10th March 2019. The day will consist of learning about what we do, taking part in some fun activities that you would be involved as a Welcome Volunteer and the next steps to joining the team. This is a bookable event, please send booking requests to volunteering@ywt.org.uk <https://www.ywt.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>

REF	330-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	NATURE FORCE GROUP VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	WAKEFIELD DISTRICT
PAY	Training. DBS check	FOR	OPEN COUNTRY

We run every Tuesday throughout the year. Volunteers are asked to come at least one Tuesday a month. The Nature Force Group is run by the disability charity Open Country's 'Wild about Wakefield' project. The Harrogate-based charity enable people with disabilities to access the countryside more, mainly through a series of outdoor activities. Every Tuesday we carry out fun conservation tasks with adults with learning disabilities across the district. We need your help assisting these disabled adults to do tasks such as tree planting, scrub clearing, wildflower planting and more! We are based at Thornes Park near the centre of Wakefield but go out for the full day with minibus provision. No experience is necessary, all training, tools and PPE are provided. Contact Ella, Project Officer, on 07426 716677 for an informal chat or email wakefield@opencountry.org.uk

North West:

REF	331-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTEER RANGER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE
PAY	Travel expenses*	FOR	The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside

Volunteer Rangers are our eyes and ears out on the reserve. The role involves patrolling the nature reserve and carrying out daily checks as well as being on hand to assist in emergencies or out of the ordinary situations. You'll need to share your enthusiasm for the reserve, our wildlife and our conservation work with our visitors and promote the work of the Wildlife Trust and all that Brockholes has to offer ensuring our visitors make the most of their visit. * Free parking, restaurant and shop discounts, 20% discount at Cotswold Outdoors, induction programme. We are looking for Volunteer Rangers for all 7 days of the week. Time: 2 hour slot on a weekly basis. Go to www.brockholes.org to find out more.

REF	332-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	EVENTS & ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEERS
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE
PAY	Travel expenses*	FOR	The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside

Brockholes has a packed & varied programme of events & activities running throughout the year for visitors of all ages from tots to grown ups! We run lots of children's activities, walks, talks, theatre performances & even Santa comes to Brockholes in December. Events & Activities Volunteers assist us with event set up, meeting & greeting, delivering the sessions & packing away at the end & helping to ensure that everyone has a fantastic experience! The majority of our events & activities are held at weekends & school holiday periods, so you will need to be available to volunteer then. *Free parking, restaurant & shop discount, 20% discount at Cotswold Outdoors, induction programme. Go to www.brockholes.org to find out more

REF	333-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	FAMILY LEARNING ASSISTANT
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	Ribble Valley and Pendle, East Lancashire
PAY	Training & out-of-pocket travel costs	FOR	PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Opportunities for periodic/regular volunteering or either 1 day per week/biweekly/monthly. Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership project aims to improve and develop local families' relationship with their local landscape and wild spaces. The Outdoor Learning Officer will provide a key role in broadening learning aspects of the PHLP, providing additional family activities and formal education methods to engage with the PHLP community. This role involves: assisting the delivery of nature and heritage events and activities within the PHLP area for adults, children and families; supporting the Outdoor Learning Officer in admin, resource creation and session promotion; joining in with activities and providing a positive role model for the children, young people and families; encouraging families to try other PHLP community events, training and activities. For more information please see: <https://pendlehillproject.com/get-involved> If you are interested in this opportunity or to find out more please call 01200 420420 or email pendlehill@ernestcooktrust.co.uk

REF	334-FOCUSR-29/3	JOB	VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP LEADER
BE4	31/3/19	LOC	MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL
PAY	Training	FOR	ACTION FOR CONSERVATION

Action for Conservation (AFC) is an environmental education charity working with young people from across the UK to inspire the next generation of conservationists. They are looking for young, passionate conservationists studying at a Master's level or higher or working in the sector to join their dynamic team of volunteer WildED workshop leaders in Manchester & Liverpool this summer. The WildED programme supports students in delivering local environmental projects that have a positive impact on wildlife & increase their connection to nature. Volunteers help facilitate workshops & share their experiences of working / studying in the conservation sector, showing students what 'real' conservationists look like. Workshops are fun, rewarding & a fantastic opportunity to showcase your experience, university or organisation & work with amazing young people! If you are interested please email info@actionforconservation.org with a short bio about yourself & any previous facilitation / conservation experience.

REF	335-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	PEOPLE ENJOYING NATURE VOLUNTEERS
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	Ribble Valley and Pendle, East Lancashire
PAY	Benefit from being outdoors + training & expenses	FOR	Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership

The PEN sessions take place in three 6 week blocks between March and October and 4 stand-alone sessions from November to February. Most on the same day and time each week for the 6 week blocks (e.g. every Thursday afternoon from 1pm-4pm). People Enjoying Nature (PEN) is an outreach project offering supported activity sessions to individuals

We offer volunteering opportunities on nature reserves across North Lancashire, including practical habitat management, education and community work, and biological recording. For more information visit www.lancswt.org.uk/events or contact Steve Ryder on sryder@lancswt.org.uk

The National Trust has a variety of roles in ranger and footpath work, conservation and learning projects across various places in the North West. Help us to care for some of Britain's most stunning and vulnerable landscapes. To find out more, please visit our website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer>

Informal volunteer opportunity collecting data on woodlands and lower plants across the Lake District. This is a great way to generate information, meet like-minded people, whilst learning about woodland composition, structure, important habitat features, lichen indicators, woodland threats and management. See the events page for further details www.plantlife.org.uk/events

Pendle Hill Volunteers meet every 3rd Wednesday and 1st Sunday of every month. To carry out practical conservation work. To find the next Pendle Volunteer day, please see the calendar on the "Whats On page" <https://pendlehillproject.com/whats-on> Email volunteer@pendle-hill-lp.co.uk call 01200 420420 or see the volunteer role via: <https://c-js.co.uk/2LWA5XG>

Help make our events a success! We are looking for volunteers for ASICS Windermere Marathon and many more events throughout the year. Whether you want to marshal, or support a stand, we have something for you. For details, please email Rebecca Brown at rebecca.brown@brathay.org.uk

MNTEV members work at National Trust sites in Merseyside and nearby on Sundays about fortnightly, e.g. hedge and tree planting, woodland, heath and footpath maintenance, coastline conservation. Previous experience unnecessary, tools provided, friendly welcome. Under 18 must be accompanied by adult. Contact John at 0151 6779664, jmh@noc.ac.uk

Our charity supports the provision of community gardens and green space projects across the PR postcode. We have lots of great volunteering opportunities from horticultural support in our gardens to social media, marketing and even making the tea. Find out more at www.letsgrowpreston.org or email letsgrowpreston@gmail.com

Working with Countryside and Park Rangers learn new conservation skills and help to improve your local environment in Rochdale. Learn new skills in conservation work such as fencing, footpath management, habitat creation & more. Helping with events, school visits and educational activities. Training opportunities available including wood crafts, hedgelaying, foraging and id skills. Contact: adam.clayton@rochdale.gov.uk

Celebrating 100 years of forestry and raising awareness of volunteering

Throughout 2019 the Forestry Commission, along with partners, is celebrating 100 years of forestry. Following the passing of the Forestry Act in September 1919, the Forestry Commission was founded to replenish the nation's timber reserves in the wake of the First World War. We are now England's largest public landowner, actively managing over 1,500 public forests and woodlands to benefit people, nature and the economy. We deliver internationally renowned research in support of sustainable forestry, and act as the Government's expert advisors on forestry policy, helping other landowners to protect, improve and expand their forests.



We've got the staff; do you have the volunteering roles?

As part of the Centenary celebrations, we will be promoting a staff volunteering scheme encouraging Forestry Commission employees to take up their Civil Service paid volunteering days. To inspire our staff to get volunteering, we want to share with them a variety of opportunities – and that's where we need your help! Please tell us about any volunteering opportunities you have which our staff could take part in. Whether it's a volunteering task that will take a full day or just a couple of hours, the Forestry Commission staff are ready and waiting to get stuck in! To share your volunteering opportunities or ask any questions, please contact Ellen Devine, Centenary Wellbeing Projects Manager (ellen.devine@forestryengland.uk)



Forestry Commission volunteers carry out maintenance work (Forestry Commission)

Boots to fill

We have volunteering opportunities happening across England, so if you enjoy the outdoors, want to learn new skills, meet new people and want to be part of the Forestry Commission team, visit the website to find your perfect volunteering role <https://www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering>

support event delivery. You will be using your natural enthusiasm and your passion for nature to help us engage with the public within our project area at Woodland Trust and National Trust events, to encourage people to become engaged with the Woodland Trust and National Trust's work and to learn more about Bellmount. For further details about this role please visit <https://c-js.co.uk/2Baeel2>

REF	347-FOCUSR-OK5	JOB	HISTORICAL RESEARCHER – Londonthorpe Wood, Belton Estate
BE4	N / A	LOC	HOME BASED, GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
PAY	0	FOR	WOODLAND TRUST

This will be an interesting role where you will be investigating and collecting useful information from existing maps, written, graphic, photographic and electronic records. The investigation may also include site surveying/recording of aspects identified from desk-based research. In particular we would like to collate historical information describing the connection to the Brownlow family era, and the use of the landscape during the first and second world wars. We would like you to produce a simple report by June 2019 detailing the basic findings of the research, including copies of records and maps (where available) and photographs if necessary. This is a home-based role with visits to the site (best suited to someone living within 30 miles of the site). We will also ask you to register as a volunteer with the National Trust for this role. Previous experience in researching historical documents is highly useful and the ability to read maps and historical documents. Some local knowledge of the area would also be beneficial. For further details: <https://c-js.co.uk/2To0Ozo>

REF	348-FOCUSR-OK5	JOB	GUIDED WALK LEADER – Londonthorpe Wood, Belton Estate
BE4	N / A	LOC	GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
PAY	Expenses	FOR	WOODLAND TRUST

Approximately six days across the year. In partnership with the National Trust team at Belton House we have exciting plans for Londonthorpe Wood and the eastern side of the Belton Estate, referred to as Bellmount. In this role you will use your natural enthusiasm, people skills and your passion for nature, history and stories to help us engage with visitors to ensure that they have an exceptional experience during their first and subsequent visits. Through the delivery of your walk you will also deepen our visitor's awareness of the work of the Woodland Trust/National Trust and the opportunities available to those interested in supporting our work and visiting other Woodland Trust/National Trust sites. We will also ask you to register as a volunteer with the National Trust for this role. This role is best suited to someone living within 30 miles of the site. For further details and to apply, please visit <https://c-js.co.uk/2HDDNHd>

REF	349-FOCUSR-OK5	JOB	Woodland Engagement Volunteer – Public Consultation
BE4	N / A	LOC	GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
PAY	0	FOR	WOODLAND TRUST

In partnership with the National Trust team at Belton House we have exciting plans for Londonthorpe Wood and the eastern side of the Belton Estate, referred to as Bellmount, which will see this natural playground being significantly enhanced to provide wider appeal to existing and new user groups. As a Woodland Engagement Volunteer you will have the opportunity to utilise your communication and people skills to assist with public consultation events and by asking members of the public to participate in completing questionnaires &/or surveys. Further details <https://c-js.co.uk/2UuSApF>

REF	350-FOCUSR-OK5	JOB	Wildlife Monitor - Londonthorpe Wood, Belton Estate (Bellmount)
BE4	N / A	LOC	GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
PAY	0	FOR	WOODLAND TRUST

In partnership with the National Trust team at Belton House we have exciting plans for Londonthorpe Wood and the eastern side of the Belton Estate, referred to as Bellmount. Come along and join our amazing team of volunteers and help us to monitor a range of species within Londonthorpe and Bellmount. This will assist us to determine a baseline for species present on the site and enable us to establish whether our work in woodland management and the maintenance of other habitats across the estate is benefiting wildlife in the area. You will visit the site regularly (approximately two hours per week), identifying, recording and monitoring species and ensuring the results are recorded in accordance with set guidelines. You will have a genuine interest in wildlife conservation and woodlands with the ability to identify different species. For further details about this role please visit <https://c-js.co.uk/2DHwOci>

REF	351-FOCUS-8/3	JOB	DIGITAL MAPPING AND DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEER
BE4	?	LOC	Warwickshire Biological Records Centre, Warwick, CV34 4SX
PAY	Some travel expenses	FOR	Warwickshire BRC, Warwickshire County Council

Flexible volunteering over an arranged period of weeks, full-time or part-time. Role and responsibilities include: data entry – entering paper records into electronic format (Excel and Recorder 6); mapping – digitising site boundaries in QGIS, validating grid references and plotting species records; data archiving – filing paper records and site files, filing electronic records - helping with data management. Skills needed: an interest in nature conservation and wildlife; familiarity with biological recording would be advantageous but is not essential; willingness to use and develop IT skills; willingness to interpret handwritten field notes. An opportunity to become familiar with biological recording and software packages such as Recorder 6 and QGIS. Find out more from Mariya Tarnavska wbrcc@warwickshire.gov.uk

REF	352-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	VOLUNTEER LOCK KEEPER - WOLVERHAMPTON FLIGHT
BE4	1/3/19	LOC	WOLVERHAMPTON, WEST MIDLANDS
PAY	Full training and expenses	FOR	CANAL & RIVER TRUST

1-3 days/week. Lock keepers have been a fixture on Britain's canals for hundreds of years. As 'the face of the waterway', modern-day volunteer lock keepers play an integral part in the visitor experience. Their role is to provide a polite and friendly welcome to waterway visitors, assisting boaters through the locks and helping to maintain the area. It's a perfect opportunity for those who enjoy working in the outdoors and are perhaps looking for something different to do and want to help support the Canal & River Trust. The key qualities we're looking for are enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. The role is open to everyone over 18 with at least 1 day a week available. Following appropriate selection, training and induction sessions we expect the role to commence fully around April and run through to October. Register your interest at <https://c-js.co.uk/2TuJatL>

REF	353-FOCUS-15/3	JOB	BLITHFIELD ESTATE PLACEMENT
BE4	15/3/19	LOC	Blithfield Reservoir, Abbots Bromley Staffordshire
PAY	0	FOR	SOUTH STAFFS WATER

As part of the Blithfield estate team your role will involve practical habitat management, estate work and helping to run the fish farm. The 500 acre estate comprises a mixture of woodland, grassland and freshwater habitats most falling within the SSSI and is managed through the countryside stewardship scheme. Typical duties could include maintaining the trails, fencing, woodland thinning, fish stocking/grading, infrastructure repairs and stakeholder/public liaison. The role involves working outdoors in all weathers and would suit a practical person looking to start a career in the conservation sector. A full driving licence is essential, first aid / chainsaw / brushcutter desirable. Minimum commitment 2 days a week (1 estate / 1 fish farm) for 6 - 12 month placement. Phone 07393 235461 for more details. Email CV to richardwhiting@south-staffs-water.co.uk

REF	354-FOCUS-12/4	JOB	SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CHARITY
BE4	14/4/19	LOC	WORCESTERSHIRE
PAY	Interviews by Skype	FOR	GREEN & AWAY

5 days a week for 8 weeks. Green & Away is looking for a number of passionate and hardworking individuals to join the summer internship programme across 6 departments: catering, events, hospitality, office management, technical and maintenance, and sustainability and education. Interns will be responsible for the daily operation of their departments, including management of a team of volunteers. Successful applicants for the internship programme will work well as part of a team as well as independently, enjoy taking on new challenges and responsibility and have an interest in sustainability, charity work, ecotourism, and outdoor living. You will gain considerable management experience and learn about the challenges involved in sustainable living and environmental education. Please send applications by email to Daniel at: dan@greenandaway.org

REF	355-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	BogLIFE PROJECT VOLUNTARY WARDEN
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses NNR, & NNR Base (N Shropshire)
PAY	Travel expenses / Training	FOR	MARCHES MOSSES BOGLIFE PROJECT

Great opportunity to assist with the restoration of Britain's 3rd largest lowland raised peat bog as part of the Marches Mosses BogLIFE Project. The National Nature Reserve is 690ha & straddles the English / Welsh border, 4 miles from Whitchurch, Shropshire & 10 miles from Wrexham. Role is varied & can include practical estate & habitat management tasks, surveying / monitoring, assisting with events / guided walks & office projects. Protective clothing & some formal courses & in-house training provided. Suitable for a student looking for a work placement or someone wanting to gain further experience in the conservation sector. Reliable & enthusiastic, keen interest in wildlife & conservation, physically fit & prepared to work outdoors. Apply with Pete Bowyer, Senior Reserve Manager peter.bowyer@naturalengland.org.uk 01948 880362

Do you love the outdoors? Enjoy Bushcraft or would like to develop your skills? Are passionate about educating people about nature and wildlife? We would like you to join our team! Tinder Sticks CIC, working on behalf of the Forestry Commission at Fineshade Wood. For more information: admin@tindersticks.org.uk or www.tindersticks.org.uk

Dunsmore volunteers go out almost every Friday throughout the year! Make new friends, get fitter in the fresh air and help to make a positive difference to your local environment. To join our Dunsmore Volunteers or to find out more, contact Thomas Watkins, Project Officer thomas.watkins@wkwat.org.uk

Lincoln Conservation Group carries out practical nature conservation work in the Lincoln area, helping to sustain the local plant and animal life and having fun at the same time! We provide tools and training. Volunteer days (16 years +) are usually on the first and third Sundays each month. <http://www.lincolnconservationgroup.org.uk>

We're looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join our weekly volunteer group. Some experience of working in a countryside environment is preferable, but basic training will be provided. Volunteers with a horticultural background are also welcomed. For more information about this role, please contact the Senior Ranger on 0300 1265932 brixworth@northamptonshire.gov.uk

We run practical conservation volunteer days across Birmingham and the Black Country. We provide tools, equipment and training (and tea and coffee!). Meet new people, learn new skills, enjoy being outdoors and make a difference to greenspaces and wildlife on your doorstep. Details from: <http://www.bbcwildlife.org.uk/whats-on;> alison.w@bbcwildlife.org.uk or 0121 5230094.

We're an independent environmental charity working to preserve the River Severn catchment. Help monitor river health by joining 500 people we've already trained to do riverfly surveys, or come along to a volunteering event and help improve your local river! For more info contact: tim.thorpe@severnriverstrust.com 01886 888394 or visit: <http://severnriverstrust.com>

Join us on Saturday 9th March at The Devil's Spittleful Nature Reserve Reserve near Bewdley to find out about practical conservation volunteering in the Northern part of the county. Ask questions, try your hand, take a walk on the WILD side! For details, contact Helen volunteer@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org or 01905 754919

We are now offering a brand new programme for University Students and Graduates. You will be based at Shropshire Wildlife Trust for 4 weeks during August, to experience real life working within the environmental sector and to broaden your career path routes in your next stage of employment. Find out more: <https://shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/placements>

Anglia:

REF	356-FOCUSR-29/3	JOB	OUTDOOR TEACHING / EVENT ASSISTANT
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	FINESHADE WOOD, CORBY, PETERBOROUGH
PAY	Travel expenses paid, CPD supported	FOR	TINDER STICKS CIC

One/two days a week. Do you love the outdoors? Enjoy bushcraft or would like to develop your skills? Or are you passionate about educating people about nature and wildlife? We are looking to expand our little team to meet the demand of our customers. Initially we are looking for volunteers with a possibility of paid sessional work within six months. You will begin supporting our instructors with education sessions and events. These are normally on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year. We are committed to supporting your development and our goal is for you to be leading sessions for us – which will be paid. Tinder Sticks CIC is a not for profit organisation working on behalf of the Forestry Commission at Fineshade Wood. We deliver under 5's Baby Bushcraft events, KS1 and KS2 education sessions, youth projects and family / adult bushcraft events. For more information contact Alison O'Connor on admin@tindersticks.org.uk or look at www.tindersticks.org.uk

REF	357-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	INDEPENDENT EVENTS TEAM VOLUNTEER
BE4	N / A	LOC	ACROSS NORFOLK
PAY	Training and expenses	FOR	NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On average one day per month. We are building a team of enthusiastic volunteers with excellent communication skills to represent the Trust at a variety of events throughout Norfolk. You will be supporting NWT and raising awareness of our work by providing friendly face to face contact and distributing information and events leaflets. For more information about this opportunity please visit the webpage <https://c-js.co.uk/2IUbPCv> where you will be able to download a role description and an application form or contact Alan Marchbank alanm@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk or on 01603 598360.

REF	358-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	SHOWING PEOPLE WILDLIFE VOLUNTEER
BE4	N / A	LOC	ACROSS NORFOLK
PAY	Training and expenses	FOR	NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

On average one day per month. We are looking for friendly, outgoing people who have knowledge of and enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation, have good communication skills and are confident in dealing with people of all ages to raise interest in and awareness of Norfolk's wildlife by showing members of the public / visitors to sites some of Norfolk's most spectacular wildlife events. These could include Great Crested Grebes' courtship displays, Marsh Harriers passing food to each other, Swallowtail butterflies emerging, or other wildlife spectacles that you have knowledge of or interest in. For more information please visit the webpage <https://c-js.co.uk/2IUbPCv> where you will be able to download a role description and an application form or contact Alan Marchbank alanm@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk 01603 598360

REF	359-FOCUS-29/3	JOB	RSPB RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEERS VISITOR EXPERIENCE
BE4	End of March	LOC	EASTERN ENGLAND REGION
PAY	Free accom & training	FOR	RSPB

6 - 9 months. We are looking for enthusiastic and committed residential volunteers to join our Visitor Experience teams at three top locations in the East of England. Titchwell Marsh, Frampton March and Strumpshaw Fen would like you to help us deliver a first class visitor experience at these stunning locations. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone wanting to pursue a career or interest in visitor engagement, hospitality or tourism. You will gain practical experience in supporting a range of visitor and education activities both on and off site and learn how to market and promote a leading tourist attraction. You will need a serious interest in wildlife and conservation, and a strong desire to learn. You should be good at working with children and families and show that you can inspire these audiences to connect with Nature. Please see our website for more details at www.rspb.org.uk/residentialvolunteering

REF	360-FOCUS-1/3	JOB	VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER
BE4	1/3/19	LOC	Brancaster Activity Centre, Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk, PE31 8BW
PAY	Training, accom & expenses	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST

6 - 12 months on a full time basis. You will be working as part of a team of staff and volunteers to deliver both the schools programme and coastal visitor engagement. Part of the Norfolk Coast outdoor property, Brancaster Activity Centre offers active and engaging outdoor activities to resident schools as well as self-catering accommodation. The role is varied, including helping lead outdoor activities, representing us at events, resource development and helping with the day to day running of the centre. This is a great opportunity to gain experience in outdoor learning, environmental education and visitor engagement with a well-respected organization. A passion for the outdoors and plenty of enthusiasm and motivation. Good communication skills and experience of working with children. A flexible approach and friendly personality. Excellent customer service and ability to work well as part of a team. This position is subject to DBS check. Please apply at <https://tinyurl.com/y77rqk4s>

Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB 'Conservation Volunteers' from October through to April - roughly 2 work days per month. You work for as long as you wish and at your own pace. Knowledge of landscape, heritage, wildlife and conservation is not essential. Contact Neil Lister on 01394 445218 /07920 577271 or neil.lister@suffolk.gov.uk

A small group based in Martlesham that offers woodland conservation volunteer work once per month, and hosts events such as bat walks and moth trapping alongside a nature watch and nature explorers groups for children. Please see our website <http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net/> or contact pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com for more details.

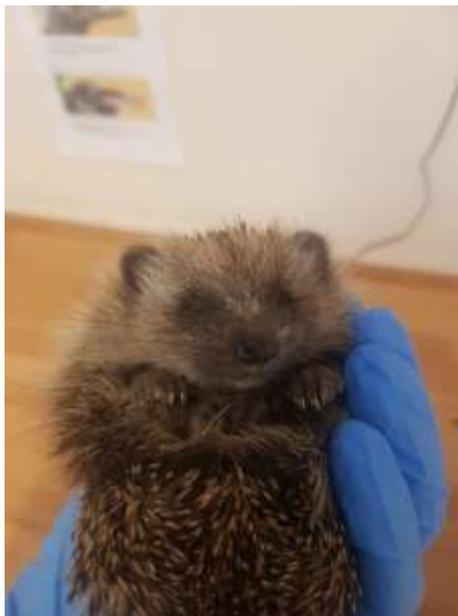
Volunteer with us on the beautiful Norfolk Broads each Tuesday and/or Thursday to help with a variety of practical tasks. No experience necessary. Will need own transport. Near Norwich. Contact John White 07899 901566 or email john.white@naturalengland.org.uk

Join our existing team of dedicated volunteers and help restore rare fen habitat, carr woodland and dry grasslands. Anyone is welcome to join the Little Ouse Headwaters Project. Find out more at <http://www.lohp.org.uk> or contact our conservation manager Pete Fox on 07919 912 045, email pete.fox@lohp.org.uk

The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) partnered with UK Power Networks (UKPN) are looking for volunteers to participate in a citizen science project regarding the impact of overhead wires on the AONB designated landscape. Training will be provided. Please contact us at dedhamvale.project@suffolk.gov.uk or call us on 01394 445225

Wildlife volunteering on the RSPCA frontline

The RSPCA's 4 wildlife centres provide many interesting and challenging volunteer roles as they strive to rehabilitate and release the mass of wildlife that arrives on their doorsteps each year.



Hedgehog (RSPCA)

However, despite nearly 52% of all Inspectorate call outs being for wildlife, the Society in all of its 192 year history had never involved volunteers in the work of our Inspectorate. Working directly with the Inspectorate Health and Safety specialist team plus many other stakeholders across the Society, a volunteer role was piloted that would help reduce the amount of time our officers spend on driving to collect sick, injured or orphaned birds in boxes.

In its first full year back in 2016, 22 volunteers were recruited in 10 of our Inspectorate group areas. After a selective recruitment process, a day's face to face classroom training and shadowing members of the Inspectorate, the new recruits were ready to face the public. Initially, the role involved collecting birds up to the size of a gull that were already confined and taking them to vets and RSPCA approved wildlife centres for treatment, small mammals - rabbits and mice were soon added. Immediately, this had an impact on the groups in which the volunteers were based as it started to save driving time for Field staff enabling them to spend time on more complex incidents and cases. In the first six months WCVs carried out 241 collections saving over 400 hours of Inspectorate time.

In 2017 a wider roll-out across nearly all of our Inspectorate groups allowed us to test the concept and to further develop the role and the training. The role works by the volunteer giving their availability on a weekly basis and suitable incidents are tasked to them by our National Control Centre.

By the end of 2018 we had recruited over 100 Wildlife Casualty Volunteers (WCVs). Together they handled over 2000 incidents from collecting injured garden birds to delivering a fox trap. Particularly helpful is the readiness of WCVs to help with release or return of rehabilitated wildlife. In mid June 2017 a Peregrine chick was found collapsed at the bottom of Fort Dunlop - the famous Birmingham landmark where Peregrines have been successfully nesting for many years. The chick was ready to be released after a week of rehabilitation at our Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre and, two Birmingham based WCVs transported the chick back to the site. The WCVs met a British Trust for Ornithology ringer who returned the chick back to the nest at the top of the building. The parents not only accepted their chick back but soon started feeding.



Peregrine Falcon chick released back to Fort Dunlop (RSPCA)

In the three years the project has been running we have seen a number of our WCVs apply successfully for roles in our Inspectorate. One of these is Justin Disdale from Cambridgeshire.

Justin was in full-time employment but during his spare time helped out when he could as a WCV. Like all new WCVs he did his initial level training which enabled him to collect injured or sick birds up to the size of a

gull and mammals up to the size of a rabbit. Part of the training involved spending a day at East Winch Wildlife Centre and gaining some hands on experience helping out with the essential day to day tasks. Within a short period of being out on the road he saw for himself what a difference the volunteers were making in both freeing up the time of the inspectorate to enable them to carry out their duties more effectively plus improving survival rates of our tasked animals by getting to the incidents quicker.



Coot rescued by a WCV (RSPCA)

Justin really wanted to get more involved and his enthusiasm was recognised and rewarded with the chance of more training. Early in 2018 he was given the opportunity of taking part in water awareness and lifejacket training. He says that jumping into Rutland Water on a cold April day was quite an experience and very worthwhile as completing this training meant that he could do swan releases which is a quite magical and rewarding experience.

Most of the volunteers in Justin's group had training to be able to transport larger species too so were able to handle an even more diverse range of animals.

The volunteers became a close knit group working as part of the team and really being made to feel an important part of the Society. The knowledge Justin gained from the Inspectorate and vets at East Winch meant that he was well equipped to apply for an apprentice Animal Collection Officer role within the Society and started his new role in January 2019.

Justin sums it up brilliantly. "Being a Wildlife Casualty Volunteer is a great role. If you have an interest in wildlife it gives you the opportunity to get very close to animals and birds that you may have rarely seen and if so from a distance. You quickly gain knowledge about the creatures and their injuries from inspectors and vets, and if there is a chance that an animal can be saved, then transporting them to a wildlife centre for rehabilitation is so rewarding topped only by getting involved with the releases. As well as this you are constantly reminded and thanked by the Inspectorate for the difference you are making to their role, freeing them up to carry out their important work of investigating animal cruelty and abuse, being involved with animal rescues along with a whole host of other duties".

Watch Justin Disdale describe what it's like being a WCV volunteer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9jVK8gwvCA>



Collared dove (RSPCA)

There will a recruitment campaign taking place shortly for new WCVs in areas across England and Wales so please keep an eye out on the RSPCA website: www.rspca.org.uk/wildlifecasualty from end of January 2019.

South:

REF	361-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING OFFICER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	LITTLEMORE, OXFORD
PAY	Training & limited expenses	FOR	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

One or two weekdays per week; can be flexible to fit around your life. Last year, BBOWT secured the future for a magical area of farmland alongside the Thames in Oxfordshire. We could only do this with generous donations from individuals and organisations. Assisting our fundraising team to research potential donors or apply for funding, you can help ensure that we have the money needed to protect wildlife in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. If you enjoy a bit of detective work, feel confident about approaching donors and would love to spend time meeting people at some of our glorious reserves, then this could be the opportunity for you! You will be part of a friendly team, learning about fundraising within a wildlife charity. Access to free meetings, events and training for volunteers. For more information about the role contact fundraising@bbowt.org.uk

REF	362-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING CHAMPION
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	In your local area, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire or Oxfordshire
PAY	Training & limited expenses	FOR	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Flexible! Give as much or as little time as you can spare. We know that a personal touch goes a long way in persuading people to get involved in causes that are close to their hearts, either through cash donations or getting more actively

REF	369-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	Volunteer Stock Watcher at Warburg Reserve, Oxfordshire
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	WARBURG RESERVE NEAR HENLEY, OXFORDSHIRE
PAY	Training	FOR	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Once a week, or more if you can make it! Exact times can be flexible to fit around your life. At BBOWT, our cows, sheep and ponies are an essential part of our conservation team. They munch their way through invasive scrub and churn up the soil so it makes varied habitat mosaics at a tiny level for nature to inhabit. Their welfare is crucially important so we need to look after this team of intrepid animals whatever the weather. If you are reasonably fit, like being outdoors and are able to make a regular commitment, you can help us with our daily checks to ensure the animals are healthy, watered and well-fed. No prior knowledge needed! We will provide you with appropriate training and information. Access to free meetings, events and training for volunteers. Find out more about how you can become one of our volunteer stock watchers at Warburg from our Warden, Kelly Hedges by emailing kellyhedges@bbowt.org.uk

REF	370-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	CPRE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE TRUSTEE
BE4	1/3/19	LOC	Home based / board meetings are in Monks Risborough
PAY	Expenses	FOR	CPRE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

There are 6 board meetings per year. Do you love the Buckinghamshire countryside? Are you a champion for affordable, sustainable housing and transportation - but in the right places? Please consider joining CPRE Buckinghamshire as a trustee. This is an ideal opportunity for people who live in and love Buckinghamshire and want to support our campaigns to support sustainable communities and sensible development and protect the Greenbelt and our beautiful countryside for everyone to enjoy. You will be part of the local branch of a highly regarded, national charity and feel part of a friendly and highly-engaged group. Experience in planning, media or fundraising would be especially appreciated but not required. Contact francesca@cprebucks.org.uk for more a full position description.

REF	371-FOCUS-8/3	JOB	Wildlife & Environmental Conservation - UK & South Africa
BE4	10/3/19 IV 12/3/19	LOC	SUSSEX (BETWEEN LONDON & BRIGHTON)
PAY	Training	FOR	THE WILDLIFE FOR ALL TRUST

Want to make a difference? The Wildlife For All Trust is looking for young adults who want to use their lives to make a real difference. We're a charity with a refreshingly different and deeper approach. Amongst other projects, we run a huge nature reserve in South Africa. We train our team members to understand how psychological factors have a huge impact on nature conservation. Our team of experts will provide you with all the necessary training, starting at our nature reserve in the UK. You need to have the spirit of an adventurer, be capable of hard work, and be prepared to psychologically challenge yourself. If so, please see wildlifeforall.org for further details of our interviews in March.

REF	372-FOCUSR-15/3	JOB	POLLUTION PATROL VOLUNTEER
BE4	19/3/19	LOC	London Borough of Sutton - 24 Denmark Road, SM5 2JG
PAY	Training	FOR	SOUTH EAST RIVERS TRUST

A couple of hours sporadically when pollution incidents occur. We are recruiting some new volunteers to our Pollution Patrol! Pollution comes in many different forms, all of which can have devastating consequences for riverine species. We are working with the Environment Agency to monitor pollution incidents on the Wandle, Hogsmill and Beverley Brook. Volunteers are trained to attend Category 3 pollution incidents and report back vital information to both orgs. Together it is hoped that we can improve the health of these rivers for wildlife and the local community. The training event will fully explain what the Pollution Patrol scheme is all about; helping to tackle urban pollution on your local river. For more information and to book your tickets: Training on the 1st of March: <https://c-js.co.uk/2GagmUo> Training on the 19th of March: <https://c-js.co.uk/2UF1twp> or email: volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org

REF	373-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	TRUSTEE WITH FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING BACKGROUND
BE4	1/3/19	LOC	UPMINSTER
PAY	0	FOR	THAMES CHASE TRUST

Up to half a day a week. The Board are looking for someone who, along with participating as a full Board Member, will be able to offer advice and guidance on Fundraising and Marketing. The Trust needs to recruit a trustee whose background and experience will enable him or her to assist the board. The person that the board of trustees is looking to recruit will have a professional background, be accustomed to managing people and acting as an advocate. The trustees are also hoping to find someone who is interested in the area of work within which the Thames Chase Trust is currently engaged. Contact Mary on mary.wright@thameschase.org.uk 01708 642970 to find out more.

REF	374-FOCUSR-1/3	JOB	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
BE4	1/3/19	LOC	UPMINSTER
PAY	0	FOR	THAMES CHASE TRUST

Up to half a day a week. The Board are looking for a new Chair with skills and experience in landscape management to lead the Trust. Time to steer the team of working trustees, support staff and volunteers in managing the Community Forest Project is essential. The person that the board of trustees is looking to recruit will have a professional background, be accustomed to managing people and acting as an advocate. The trustees are also hoping to find someone who is interested in the area of work within which the Thames Chase Trust is currently engaged. Contact Mary on mary.wright@thameschase.org.uk 01708 642970 to find out more.

REF	375-FOCUSR-8/3	JOB	PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS VOLUNTEER
BE4	N/A	LOC	STEYNING
PAY	Training	FOR	STEYNING DOWNLAND SCHEME

A few hours per week. We're looking for someone with a keen interest in the natural world, who also has a flare for social media, writing copy for local publications and editing web sites. Your role will be to champion our promotional work, enabling the SDS to engage more people in their local environment. This is a voluntary role but we offer luxury office space in the beautiful Sussex countryside (wonderful views!) and full training. The Steyning Downland Scheme is a small land management charity with a big heart. We reconnect local people from all walks of life to our unique piece of local

PAY Training / expenses FOR RSPB

Are you able to inspire people about nature? We are looking for people to chat, help and have fun! We want to make Farnham & Hazeley Heath reserves a wonderful place for everyone. Although we do not have a visitors centre we do attend local activities and are looking for people like you who can bring the personal touch to the world of nature and be able to enthuse people about wildlife and the RSPB locally. Your tasks will be varied but will include: assisting with guided walks; helping to set up, run a small event stand and pack away afterwards; chatting to people about our heathland reserves and the work of the RSPB; assisting with creating promotional work; creating information displays. This is a seasonal role but we tend to be busier during the spring and summer. Time commitment: At least 1 day per month. Contact: Mary Braddock, RSPB, c/o Rural Life Centre, The Reeds, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2DL, 01252 795632, 07714 271024 mary.braddock@rspb.org.uk

REF 383-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **HEDGEROW SURVEYORS**

BE4 Ongoing LOC MAIDSTONE AREA, KENT

PAY Training and travel expenses FOR OLD CHALK NEW DOWNS PROJECT, Kent County Council

We are looking to recruit a small team of dedicated volunteer surveyors to work on a hedgerow survey project. The survey is part of a bigger Heritage Lottery funded project called Old Chalk New Downs. The aim of the hedgerow survey is to ground truth a previously completed desktop study of historic hedgerows. The project will be using the "Hedgerow Survey Handbook" which is a nationally agreed methodology for recording the wildlife and cultural significance of hedgerows. For further information please contact matthew.pitts@kent.gov.uk

REF 384-FOCUS-OK6 JOB **VOLUNTARY RIVER STEWARD**

BE4 N / A LOC SHEFFIELD

PAY Training / reasonable travel expenses FOR RIVER STEWARDSHIP COMPANY

2 or 3 days per week for around 9 months. You will assist in the delivery of a variety of waterway maintenance tasks & habitat improvements on Yorkshire's waterways. Gain exp in tasks incl: felling, coppicing & pollarding trees; habitat creation such as the erection of kingfisher perches & otter holts; invasive species control & litter & debris management within the river channel, banks & riverside footpaths. There will be an opportunity to assist in the delivery of a variety of community engagement activities, such as running practical volunteer days. For further information & to apply please contact Sarah Emberson, 0114 3540012, sarah.emberson@the-rsc.co.uk

REF 385-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **WILDLIFE CARE ASSISTANT**

BE4 Ongoing LOC SIDLESHAM, WEST SUSSEX

PAY Training FOR BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Animal husbandry, incl feeding, cleaning and provide care to wildlife patients. Assisting staff with other tasks inside the hospital as required. At least once a week. Further information: 01243 641672 enquiries@brentlodge.org

REF 386-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **SWINGBRIDGE COMMUNITY BOAT VOLUNTEERS**

BE4 N / A LOC SURREY

PAY Training and expenses FOR SURREY CARE TRUST

Surrey Care Trust needs people with all sorts of talents to help run Swingbridge: an aptitude for the practical side of boats, an enthusiasm for environmental work and above all the ability to motivate and enthuse others. A number of our trainees and some of our volunteers need support from others in the team. For more information email info@swingbridge.org.uk

REF 387-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **PARK EXPLORERS VOLUNTEER**

BE4 N / A LOC NATIONAL TRUST MORDEN HALL PARK

PAY 0 FOR NATIONAL TRUST

Monday mornings during school term times. Help to lead an innovative programme of weekly activities for children aged from 18 months to 4 years and their parents/carers. Set up for sessions, using and maintaining resources and equipment appropriately, and ensuring that it is returned to its proper storage place after use. Monitor the quality of the work through evaluation and informal feedback. Manage the daily finance of the activities including taking money, recording and following financial procedures. Work with the Learning Assistant and the rest of the team to ensure that all sessions are adequately resourced and staffed in advance. Act as a good ambassador for the National Trust, providing a warm, friendly welcome to all visitors. Learn about Morden Hall Park as a whole so you can tell our visitors about it. To apply for this role, please complete the online application form on the National Trust Volunteering web page, or alternatively contact the Learning Assistant for more details at mordenhallparklearning@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF 388-FOCUSR-OK8 JOB **PARKS IN MIND VOLUNTEER**

BE4 Ongoing LOC BOURNEMOUTH

PAY Learn new skills FOR BOURNEMOUTH PARKS FOUNDATION

Parks in Mind provides fun nature conservation & other outdoor activities in Bournemouth's beautiful parks to deliver health & wellbeing benefits to the people taking part. The project creates free volunteering opportunities suitable for anyone looking to improve their health, meet new people & learn new skills. The emphasis is on providing a relaxed & friendly atmosphere while taking part in practical & sociable outdoor activities to improve the environment. With a focus on nature conservation, green exercise & other activities, you'll enhance your own wellbeing while making improvements to local parks for people & wildlife. It also includes elements of nature study, art in the environment, relaxation & confidence building workshops. You choose the activities you want to take part in & work to your own limits. No prior knowledge is required, with the chance to learn from both the project leaders & the other people taking part. Contact: info@bournemouthparksfoundation.org.uk 01202 451513

REF 389-FOCUS-OK8 JOB **SURREY COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIPS VOLUNTARY INTERSHIPS**

BE4 Ongoing LOC Caterham (Downlands) &/or Epsom (Lower Mole)*

PAY Experience FOR Surrey Countryside Partnerships (hosted by Surrey County Council)

Gain a wide range of practical conservation experience working to maintain/restore a diverse range of habitats, in particular rare chalk grassland & woodlands. Principally weekdays; we are flexible on duration/days of week. You would be joining in on scheduled task days, gaining essential on-the-job experience learning about targeted countryside/rare habitat management practices; helping to prepare for tasks, carpentry & opportunities to work with our Downlands Partnership grazing service; some formal training (brushcutters etc.) could also be made available. We work closely with volunteers of all ages, plus school & corporate groups so excellent communication skills are required & you need to be able to work confidently as part of a small busy team. Physically demanding at times and involves working outdoors in all weathers. Full clean driving licence and access to a vehicle essential. An ideal first internship during / post countryside management studies. *but required to work across partnerships' area (principally North / NE Surrey and in to Croydon, Sutton, Kingston). Please email your interest and CV to: countrysidepartnershipsteam@surreycc.gov.uk. Find out more: <https://c-js.co.uk/2wttDTU>.

REF	390-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	KINGFISHER BARN VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	STOUR VALLEY NATURE RESERVE
PAY	Training	FOR	BOURNEMOUTH PARKS FOUNDATION

An exciting opportunity to support our Visitor Centre at Kingfisher Barn, the gateway to the Stour Valley Nature Reserve. With over 90,000 visitors a year you'll be welcoming people to the Centre, letting them know about the local area & showing them round the Centre exhibition. Can you provide a warm welcome to all visitors, hand out information & make a good cup of tea? Full training given, & don't worry - you don't need to be a 'font of all knowledge' on the area, although some local knowledge would be beneficial. For those with green fingers, there is plenty to be done in the wildlife garden too. Whether you can help with a morning a month or become a regular weekly volunteer, we'd love to hear from you. Contact: info@bournemouthparksfoundation.org.uk 01202 451513

Help grow food on our community allotment in Carshalton, South London. All abilities welcome. We also welcome people who can befriend and support participants with learning difficulties and/or mental health problems. Mondays 1-3pm & Fridays 10.30-12.30. www.communityallotment.org.uk 020 84041524

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Transforming lives and places in the communities we serve. Our strength lies in working in partnership with other organisations, adopting a sustainable and holistic approach, actively involving communities in the regeneration process. Volunteer enquires always welcomed! Tel: 01273 022320
Email: south@groundwork.org.uk
Web: www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/south

Formal Gardening Volunteers at Lesnes Abbey Woods will focus on the management of formal gardens including maintenance of flower beds, mulching, pruning, weeding and hedging. Garden Volunteers – Tuesday 10am – 1pm. More info from Ian Holt at: ian.holt@bexley.gov.uk Phone: 07791 595248 or Fay Smith at: fay.smith@bexley.gov.uk Phone: 07989 135725

Conservation Volunteer roles at Lesnes Abbey Woods focus on nature conservation within. Tasks will include heathland, woodland, pond and meadow management alongside wildlife surveying. Woodland conservation volunteers – Wednesday 10am – 4pm. To apply for this position please firstly contact: Ian Holt at: ian.holt@bexley.gov.uk Phone: 07791 595248 or Fay Smith at: fay.smith@bexley.gov.uk Phone: 07989 135725

Tuesday 26 February. Gunpowder Park. Volunteers for Coppice block management. A place must be booked on each task before the date of the task via the Ranger Team on 01992 709880 or email volunteers@leevalleypark.org.uk

We run conservation workdays at various nature reserves around the London Borough of Bromley throughout the week undertaking tasks from coppicing and hedge laying to surveying. Contact Andrew Harby, idverde 01689 862815 andrew.harby@idverde.co.uk

Lesnes Abbey Woods; an ancient woodland with many habitats can offer placements/work experience for students who attend colleges and universities. This can be offered in blocks or weekly. For information contact: Ian Holt at: ian.holt@bexley.gov.uk Phone: 07791 595248

Habitat management/surveying for rare reptile species on SSSI Lowland heathland sites across the Surrey/Hampshire Weald. We meet every Tuesday at the Witley Centre. Contact: Ralph Connolly ARC Weald Volunteer Coordinator, ARC, Witley Centre, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5QA ralph.connolly@arc-trust.org 07387 261217 www.arc-trust.org

Create Woodland in the City, Join Energy Garden. The Energy Garden team has transformed 30 London Overground platforms into thriving gardens and food-growing plots. We are looking for London-based tree surgeons, bee keepers, or those with general gardening/carpentry expertise to support our gardens on a volunteer basis. Please contact info@energygarden.org.uk

Enjoy seasonal scrub clearance, path maintenance, woodland management, signage making (carpentry in our Horton Country Park workshop) & pond restoration task days with our great conservation crew. Task days run Tues, Weds and Thurs in North Surrey & Kingston areas. Info: www.lowermoleproject.org.uk; Lower Mole Partnership Facebook; @ExploreSurreyUK; call 01372 743783.

As we head towards spring our winter tasks of scrub and woodland clearance work will slowly change to fencing, other maintenance work and even a reptile survey. We work at various sites across Hampshire, please join us somewhere convenient. Phone 023 9232 5570 or see www.hcv.org.uk

We are West Kent Downs Countryside Trust, a small registered charity which partly owns and manages the Cuxton and Cobham Woodland for the local community. Help us to conserve the woodland and carry out our Management Plan. First Sunday in the month. Contact Mike Adams at mike@mikeadams12.plus.com

Brighton Permaculture Trust - We are a Sussex green charity focusing on permaculture education and have weekly opportunities to help out in orchards/our Permaculture plot, courses and with courses and events. For more information please check out our list of current opportunities here: <https://connect.brightonpermaculture.org.uk/volunteer>

Enjoy seasonal scrub clearance, coppicing, path/step work & pond restoration task days with our great conservation crew. Task days run Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and 1-2 Sundays/month in NE Surrey, Croydon & Sutton areas. Also voluntary livestock checker/farm helper opportunities. Info: www.downlandspj.org.uk; Downlands Partnership Facebook; Twitter @ExploreSurreyUK @downygrazers; call 01883 341140

Second Hand Binoculars Scheme Assistant - St Martins, Bedfordshire. Do you know a thing or two about optical equipment? We are looking for someone to help assist our lead volunteer in inspecting binoculars, telescopes and other optical equipment we receive, 1 day a month at our distribution centre St Martins. Contact: volunteers@rspb.org.uk

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust runs the South Cotswold nature reserves volunteer group. Support the management of our nature reserves in and around Minchinhampton Common. This group manages 5 of our nature reserves including Frome Banks, Box Woods & Coaley Peak. The group meets on Thursday from 9:30am-2pm. 01452 383333 volunteering@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

We are looking for new Visitor Experience Volunteers to join our team at Bedgebury Pinetum and forest – home of the National Conifer Collection. You will play a key part in providing a warm welcome to our visitors, giving them all the information they need for a memorable visit. Contact bedgebury@forestryengland.uk for details.

Join our happy band of volunteers working on habitat improvements/creation. Every Wednesday 10:00 – 16:00 around Ashford, Kent. KSCP provide the tools and transport. Sometimes hard work, but all effort appreciated, also satisfying to be outside achieving something positive together. Get in touch! Tel: 03000 410900 Email stour@kent.gov.uk

Bournemouth Parks Foundation is devoted to enhancing Bournemouth's parks and open spaces for everyone to enjoy. Whether you'd like to volunteer in your local park or support one of our Visitor Centres which are the gateway to our Nature Reserves please contact: info@bournemouthparksfoundation.org.uk or call 01202 451513

Become part of Westonbirt's vibrant community of volunteers, helping to protect & enhance our landscape and welcome visitors to The National Arboretum. Our volunteers carry out varied roles across both collection care and visitor engagement. Visit <https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/volunteering> to view current volunteer opportunities or email volunteer.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk

The Thanet Coast offers free training and support for volunteer 'Coastal Wardens/Guardians' to help look after sections of coastline - monitoring activities, wildlife or joining practical tasks from non-native species control, beach cleans, school trips to educational events like 'Seashore Safaris'. Further information: nekmpa.org.uk Email: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

Come join us for gardening and urban farming at Pop Brixton between 10-11:30am on Thursday mornings! Find more info and signup at <https://c-js.co.uk/2B1oaU2>

The Colne Valley Landscape Partnership is a Heritage Lottery Funded partnership of wildlife organisations, local authorities and water companies led by community charity Groundwork South. The partnership undertakes a variety of projects for the benefit of local communities, visitors and wildlife. Enquire about volunteering on one of these amazing projects! <http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/>

We are developing a new community garden at Slade Gardens Adventure Playground in Stockwell. We are looking for volunteers to help with the build over the coming months. The creation of Slade Garden will take place from February till April 2019. For more info email: seed@urbangrowth.london

Come join us for some gardening and fruit tree care at the Brixton Orchard a community orchard in central Brixton on Thursdays 1 - 2:30pm. Get more info and signup at <https://c-js.co.uk/2T9KmlU>

In autumn and winter months we carry out a full programme of practical conservation tasks such as clearing edges of woodland tracks to improve butterfly habitats. You will need to be able to get to and from duty points and be over 18. To sign up contact us at volunteers.southern@forestryengland.uk

Gain experience in various practical woodland management tasks plus surveying and monitoring at Volunteer Conservation Days at Hazel Hill Wood, near Salisbury. Tasks planned for 2019 include ride and glade maintenance, bench creation, glow worm surveys and hedgelaying. Assistant Volunteer Leader role also available. Contact Charley on adventures@hazelhill.org.uk www.hazelhill.org.uk

CGNP work parties; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am-3:30pm RM16 6RW. Help to conserve and protect your local area, see rare plants and animals. Wear appropriate clothing, steel toe caps if you have them. Bring water and lunch - biscuits and hot drinks are provided. Contact deanw@essexwt.org.uk for more details.

Safeguarding Adviser/Consultant. We are looking for a Safeguarding expert/consultant to join and work alongside our Safeguarding Team to help us provide expert advice on all safeguarding matters to our employees and volunteers. You will be helping to further improve and develop our current Safeguarding provision, advice and practices. Home based anywhere in the UK. Contact: volunteers@rspb.org.uk

Looking to meet new people and learn new skills in an inspiring environment? At WWT Slimbridge we have a range of exciting new roles. Apply now or join us at one of our open days taking place on Wednesday 13 February and Saturday 2 March from 1-4pm. Find out more: <https://c-js.co.uk/2HJB9Qi> Contact email: volunteering@wwt.org.uk



Volunteering with the Mendip Hills AONB - Events and Publicity Volunteers

An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a landscape which is considered so precious that it is protected for the nation. The criteria for designating an AONB include valuable wildlife, habitats, geology and heritage, as well as scenic views.



Our AONB trained walk leader volunteers running a guided walk (Mendip Hills AONB)

without their valuable input and hard work, much of the work carried out by the AONB service could not be done. Volunteers undertake a wide range of work including practical conservation tasks, wildlife and heritage monitoring, site patrols, community outreach work and much more. Our volunteers are of all ages and backgrounds so if you have time to spare and what to make a difference then get in touch!

We're focusing on our volunteers who support our community outreach work- including events and guided walks. These volunteers act as ambassadors for us- showcasing what makes the AONB so special.

What does this volunteer role involve?

These volunteers help with the wide variety of events that the AONB runs or is involved in supporting. This includes guided walks, large family events, festivals and more. This is not your traditional countryside volunteer role- this role focuses on working to inspire local people about the special qualities of the AONB, how they can get involved and why it needs protecting.

How does this volunteer role help the AONB?

These volunteers act as ambassadors for the AONB- helping us to reach more local people and visitors to the Hills while

AONBs and National Parks are designated by Natural England under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949. AONBs account for 15% of the English Landscape.

There are 37 other AONBs within England and Wales with a further 8 found in Northern Ireland. All are designated for their outstanding landscapes, though those landscapes vary greatly from the unenclosed heathlands of Quantock Hills and Dorset to the parklands and grasslands of the Chilterns.

The Mendip Hills AONB Service works to conserve and enhance the Mendip Hills. Volunteers are an integral part of this work and



Our outreach work with local communities- inspiring the next generation to preserve and protect the Hills (Mendip Hills AONB)

providing an inspiring, informative and friendly face. As a very small staff team they help us run more events and outreach and inspire more people to appreciate the Hills and understand our work.

How will this volunteer role benefit you?

This volunteer role would be a fantastic opportunity for anyone looking to gain employment in the community engagement and visitor experience side of the environmental sector- it provides the opportunity to gain experience in organising and running events, working with local communities and external partners such as the National Trust and Wildlife Trusts. This volunteer role is open to anyone over the ages of 18 and provides the opportunity to influence what type of outreach work takes place in the AONB.



Our outreach work with local communities- inspiring the next generation to preserve and protect the Hills

What do our AONB volunteers have to say?

Malcolm

I started volunteering just before I retired in preparation for the extra time I would have. I have also been volunteering for an IT charity for more than 15 years. I started volunteering to teach others in the use of IT in their everyday life and to help them train for new careers.

I have volunteered at many events; Mendip Hills AONB family days on the hills where the rangers help families enjoy the area and give advice on exploring the area. Also, at the Top of the Gorge events for everyone to get more from their outdoor experiences in mountain biking, walking and running. I have helped with the Mendip Rocks events with The Mendip Society and The Earth Science. These events are set in different locations to promote geological interest. I have led walks enabling less experienced walkers to see areas that they may not have explored before safe in the knowledge that they are being looked after well and will not get lost!

I volunteer at events because I like the different experiences of meeting people who enjoy the Mendip hills and being able to advise and help with their requests. It is also time to meet other rangers and staff, I have made genuine new friends in volunteering and I value their company and friendship greatly.

Royette & Jean

Volunteering as an AONB Ranger on Mendip has become a way of life over the past 20+ years and is deeply embedded into our calendar year.

Experiences have been many and varied: patrols and litter picking, footpath and dry-stone wall surveys, creating new walks, responsibility for the information stands at Events, marshalling off-road cycle races, working with Young Rangers and engaging with the Public.

Whatever the task there is pleasure, pride and privilege in being part of a dedicated team caring for Mendip and that is the reason why we are still here!



The AONBs Young Ranger scheme which has been running for over 10 years (Mendip Hills AONB)

Want to find out more?

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sammy Fraser on sammy@mendiphillsaonb.org.uk

<http://www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/caring-about-the-aonb/volunteering/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MendipHillsAONB>

<https://twitter.com/MendipHillsAONB>

<https://www.instagram.com/mendiphillsaonb/>

South West:

REF 391-FOCUSR-OK8
BE4 Ongoing
PAY Training

JOB **CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**
LOC PLYMOUTH & SURROUNDING AREA
FOR PLYMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (PEA)

We carry out a variety of projects including: tree planting; beach cleans; species & habitat surveys; wildlife pond creation; hedgelaying; invasive plant species management (e.g. rhododendron, parrotfeather, Himalayan balsam etc.); coppicing (a traditional woodland management technique); dry stone walling, to name but a few! Events each weekend, but no requirement to commit to a certain number of days. You will gain valuable nature conservation skills in countryside management, such as how to create & restore important habitats for wildlife & people. You will also gain other key skills such as communication, team working & leadership. If you are really keen you may want to progress to become a Volunteer Project Officer (VPO) & get more involved 'behind the scenes' planning & leading practical projects & social events. You don't need to have any skills, experience or abilities to join as a volunteer; all you need is a love of the outdoors & be a good team player. Find out more from Chris Bond, plymouthenvironmentalaction@hotmail.co.uk www.pea-volunteering.co.uk

REF	392-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER
BE4	N / A	LOC	MAGDALEN FARM, WINSHAM, CHARD, SOMERSET
PAY	Accom. incl meals & training	FOR	MAGDALEN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

A 132 acre organic educational & therapeutic centre that welcomes c. 4,500 visitors of all ages & abilities in a residential & day visit capacity. For the last 25 years we have engaged with & educated visitors using nature & the farming environment as our resource; it is fun, inspirational & innovative. Most of the help required is horticultural. There is also animal care which involves feeding up & putting our lovely poultry to bed! We always have the need for help with conservation & construction such as building wooden bridges. Time: 3 weeks to 2 months. We teach volunteers basic animal care, seasonal horticultural skills & organic vegetable growing. Experience not essential as we can teach you. As we are in a rural setting & not a community you will need to be fairly self-sufficient & being sociable is really important too. Self-motivated, enthusiastic, committed & willing to get involved. Contact rebecca@magdalenfarm.org.uk to request a volunteer application pack.

REF	393-FOCUS-OK8	JOB	VOLUNTEER
BE4	N/A	LOC	CORNWALL
PAY	Training	FOR	WILD FUTURES THE MONKEY SANCTUARY

Minimum stay is two weeks & maximum three months. Help clean the monkey enclosures, prepare their food & enrichment. Help with children's workshops & in the café, gardening & help in the day to day running of the sanctuary. No quals or experience required, just a willingness to be involved. More details from Antony Williams volunteers@wildfutures.org

REF	394-FOCUS-5/4	JOB	GARDENING WORK PLACEMENT
BE4	5/4/19	LOC	WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM, BRISTOL
PAY	Travel expenses	FOR	WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM

One day per week for 8 weeks. As part of Bristol Mental Health Employment Service (BMHES) Windmill Hill City Farm is running an 8 week Garden Placement for individuals who have experienced a mental health challenge and are aiming towards employment. The placement covers a range of garden and maintenance activities and gives individuals the opportunity to develop gardening experience. On the placement, participants will maintain and develop community garden areas and learn a range of gardening and site maintenance skills in a working environment. The placement runs every Tuesday for 8 weeks from April 16th to June 4th 2019. Contact: Lizzie Spencer 0117 9471194, lizzie.spencer@windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk

REF	395-FOCUS-1/3	JOB	EXMOOR VOLUNTEER RANGER
BE4	1/3/19 IV 13/3/19	LOC	HOLNICOTE ESTATE, EXMOOR
PAY	Accom & training*	FOR	NATIONAL TRUST

6 to 12 months. As a member of the ranger team on the stunning 12,500 acre Holnicote Estate you will gain experience in a huge variety of practical conservation skills, assist with the co-ordination and management of local volunteers, help deliver events and wildlife surveys. You will work with a highly experienced ranger team managing a wide variety of habitats from high moorland, ancient oak woodland, mixed woodland, coastal marsh, high cliffs and farmland.

*Chainsaw, brush cutting, first aid and off road driving training. Application via email to jack.siviter@nationaltrust.org.uk

REF	396-FOCUS-1/3	JOB	CONSERVATION LEADER X 3
BE4	3/3/19	LOC	PLYMOUTH AND SURROUNDING AREA
PAY	Training & expenses	FOR	PLYMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Initially for 6 months. A volunteer Conservation Leader position with Plymouth Environmental Action (PEA) could be just the thing you need to kickstart your career! You will spend your time learning to teach people about the environment and trying a variety of practical conservation skills such as hedgelaying, dry stone walling, and invasive species management as well as improving your wildlife ID expertise. You will gain excellent work experience that will be valued by employers, develop a range of transferable skills such as leadership and team-working, get a free training course such as Small Mammal Ecology or Brushcutter (Lantra), and best of all join a friendly, supportive and enthusiastic team! We are looking for someone who: would like to gain leadership and wildlife conservation skills; can dedicate a minimum of 1 day per month; has a clean driving licence held for at least 2 years. See more info here: <http://www.pea-volunteering.co.uk/vacancies/>

REF	397-FOCUS-5/4	JOB	Weymouth and Portland Wildlife Centres Voluntary Placement
BE4	5/4/19	LOC	PORTLAND & WEYMOUTH
PAY	Practical experience & training	FOR	DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST

Minimum 12 weeks placement. DWT are seeking enthusiastic individuals to assist at our two popular visitor centres, Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre on Portland and Lorton Meadows Conservation Centre in Weymouth Tasks and duties will include supporting the day to day running of our visitor centres, assisting with school groups, helping with wildlife inspired events and activities and assisting with social media, website and other publicity. There will be opportunities to get involved with other aspects of our work, including practical work parties, wildlife surveys and projects. To apply

please email a CV and covering letter to Marc Kativu-Smith at mkativusmith@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk. Check our volunteering opportunities webpage for more information www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or call Marc on 01305 2016191

REF	398-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	NATURE RESERVE VOLUNTEER
BE4	Ongoing	LOC	SLAPTON LEY FIELD CENTRE, DEVON
PAY	Lunch	FOR	FIELD STUDIES COUNCIL

1 day a week. Conservation Tasks might include: Clearing vegetation with hand tools, constructing woodland paths and steps, hand pulling invasive plants, constructing fences and stiles. You will need to be physically fit and happy to work out in all weathers. Some experience of using hand tools would be helpful. Find out more from Alice Henderson on 07734 781374, volunteer.sl@field-studies-council.org

REF	399-FOCUS-17/5	JOB	ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER
BE4	17/5/19	LOC	SLAPTON LEY FIELD CENTRE, DEVON
PAY	Accom, food and relevant training	FOR	FIELD STUDIES COUNCIL

6 weeks. This role will involve: Observing and assisting with educational events and activities working towards leading events and activities for visitors such as fire lighting, shelter building, pond dipping and bat walks. Engaging with visitors, providing them with information and helping them discover what Slapton Ley has to offer. Assisting the ranger in management of the nature reserve including assisting with various monitoring projects. There may also be an opportunity to carry out your own independent project. Find out more from Alice Henderson on 07734 781374, volunteer.sl@field-studies-council.org

REF	400-FOCUS-1/3	JOB	COMMUNITY CONSERVATION VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT
BE4	28/2/19 IV early March	LOC	URBAN WILDLIFE CENTRE, CORFE MULLEN, DORSET
PAY	0	FOR	DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST

6 months 3/4 days per week from July 2019. This role would also be suitable for a student industrial placement full time. Dorset Wildlife Trust's East Dorset Living Landscapes Team delivers conservation and community engagement work across east Dorset and Purbeck. You will be based at the Urban Wildlife Centre in Corfe Mullen, with some activities at Brownsea Island and Kimmeridge. Own car essential. Tasks will include: assisting at our visitor centres and with community engagement activities; assisting with our work with people with physical/mental health issues; assisting with social media, website and other publicity; helping with campaigns and conservation projects. For more information please click on <https://c-js.co.uk/2SAbEoy> If interested contact Susanna Holford at sholford@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

REF	401-FOCUSR-OK8	JOB	WILDLIFE CARE ASSISTANT
BE4	N/A	LOC	HIGHBRIDGE, SOMERSET
PAY	Training provided	FOR	SECRET WORLD WILDLIFE RESCUE

A minimum of one shift every other week for a period of six months – permanent. We specialise in the rescue, rehabilitation and eventual release of orphaned and injured wild creatures. Run entirely on donations we run a wildlife rescue service in the South West of England. Each year, over 5,000 wild animals are helped by Secret World. Volunteering as a wildlife care assistant is quite physically demanding and requires working indoors and outdoors. It also requires a reasonable level of admin skill to accurately understand and complete animal casualty records. Ideally be able to work independently, with initiative, and be able to follow written and verbal instructions. Tasks involve the handling and capture of animals for assessment and transport, cleaning enclosures to a good hygienic standard, preparation and delivery of food and water, providing enrichment and monitoring the condition and behaviour of the animals. For further information please visit www.secretworld.org/volunteer or contact Claire on 01278 768704 volunteer@secretworld.org

Dorset Countryside Volunteers is a charity organising a wide range of weekend tasks throughout Dorset. We help the National Trust, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Heritage Coast, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, and more. Full details are on the website alternatively contact by text or answer-phone message on 07923 498760, or email DCVpublicity@gmail.com <http://www.dcv.org.uk>

You will be working on one of over 30 sites across Oxford City and carrying out vital conservation work to further enhance this cities biodiversity. Work can include coppicing in semi ancient woodlands, hedge laying to allow greater diversity, hedge planting, as well as a full supply of tea/coffee and biscuits. Contact Carl Whitehead 07801 625245 cwhitehead@oxford.gov.uk

Wild Cober Volunteers meet on Thursdays 9.45 – 3.00 pm, a friendly, well-equipped group, established and reliable with a range of ages and backgrounds, male and female in West Cornwall. We work in all weathers, within reason, usually at remote or wild locations and have some transport spaces available. Contact David May 01872 302274 / 07920 216020 david.may@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk

EuCAN Dorset Mid-week Volunteers go out every Wednesday and work includes hedgelaying, drystone walling, fencing, heathland restoration, habitat management and invasive species on NNRs and SSSI's within Dorset's AONB, and occasionally just beyond. We fund brushcutter, chainsaw, and other courses where possible. Find out more on 07763 923545 eucan.dmv@gmail.com <http://c-js.co.uk/2r1tFPD>

Volunteering for young people aged between 14-24 years. Come with us to one of our fantastic reserves, work alongside our regular volunteers and be inspired to Take Action for your local wildlife. As well as gaining new skills and having lots of fun! To book and come along email ourbrightfuture@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk For more information go to <https://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/ourbrightfuture>

Business Support and Office Volunteer at National Trust Fyne Court. Do you love a good spreadsheet and always know where the stapler is? Business Support Volunteers are great at keeping things organized and running smoothly. They are also fab at making callers feel welcome and valued – they are pretty special people. fynecourt@nationaltrust.org.uk

Come & explore Burrator Reservoir. There are lots of different volunteering projects to get involved in. These include site maintenance, practical conservation and archaeological preservation projects, monthly bat surveys, assisting with educational visits and family events, or as a visitor guide in the Discovery Centre, plus much more. Please contact Emily Cannon heritage@swlakestrust.org.uk or 01822 855700.

Buckinghamshire County Council's Country Parks Team manages three stunning self-financing Country Parks in South Buckinghamshire. We run ranger led practical conservation volunteering sessions on Wednesdays in term time and every third Saturday in the month. To find out more, please call 01753 511060 or email countryparks@buckscc.gov.uk

Volunteering: a week to remember

This year, Volunteers' Week is in its 35th year. Happening 1 to 7 June, tens of thousands of organisations will be celebrating the millions of volunteers who give their time, skill and passion to their communities. Volunteering is huge across the UK. One in five people regularly give their time to a club, group or society¹. With a huge number of people preferring to give time less regularly or outside of organisations, that figure goes up to more than half of the population getting involved in their communities. That's huge! Conservation is no different, with hundreds of thousands of people giving their time².



Environment, animals and heritage

61,000

Volunteers,
National Trust

50,000

Volunteers, British
Trust for Ornithology

12,000

Volunteers,
RSPB

10,000

Volunteers, The
Conservation

10,000

Volunteers, Canal &
River Trust

2,000

Volunteers,
English Heritage

Volunteers

National Trust annual accounts 2015/16; British Trust for Ornithology annual accounts 2015/16; RSPB annual accounts 2015/16; The Conservation Volunteers annual accounts 2015/16; Canal & River Trust annual accounts 2015/16; English Heritage annual accounts 2015/16

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Mark Fox, a volunteer with Historic England says "I love volunteering for Historic England which has benefited me personally through developing my knowledge of historic West Somerset, enabling me to continue to do something worthwhile despite my disability." Talking about how he volunteers in the run up to Volunteers' Week last year³, Mark says "I support Volunteers' Week and wish it every success in increasing the amount of volunteer time devoted to the many projects covered by the initiative."

Saying thanks

NCVO recently asked 10,000 people across Great Britain what they thought about volunteering. Those who volunteered were most satisfied if they received some sort of recognition for their efforts. Broadly speaking, people felt recognition from their organisation was most effective⁴.

That's why Volunteers' Week is so important. Happening 1 to 7 June every year, Volunteers' Week is a time to celebrate all the great things volunteers do. While every week is a great time to thank volunteers, Volunteers' Week is bigger, bolder and a chance for everyone to celebrate the power of volunteering.

If there are volunteers in your organisation, now is the perfect time to plan how you will celebrate. There are loads of free resources and ideas at volunteersweek.org to inspire and help you plan. If you're on a budget, social media is a great way to publicly say thanks. Fancy doing a little more? Then thank you cards with messages from the boss might be a good way to go. Many organisations hold Volunteers' Week parties throughout the week too, and ask a VIP to attend.



Coffin Works @CoffinWorks - 5 Jun 2016

#volunteer @HeritageBugLady keeps our bugs identified and under control, vital in #conservation! #volunteersweek



