

# Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role  
Volunteer Manager  
Where you will be based

**Practical Conservation Volunteer**  
**Reserves Officer / Project Officer**  
**Other**

## Why we want you

Each of our reserves is managed by a dedicated team of staff and practical conservation volunteers. There's always a lot to do and we need your help to get there. Practical conservation volunteers provide essential support throughout the seasons. They assist in practical tasks to improve our nature reserves for wildlife and to keep them safe and welcoming for visitors. Activities will vary by reserve, but typical tasks could include tree or hedge planting, removal of invasive species, scrub clearance, fencing, footpath work, species monitoring and much more.

## What you will be doing

- Working outdoors alongside our reserve staff and other volunteers to make our reserves as good as they can be for wildlife and visitors.
- Undertaking a variety of practical conservation tasks across the seasons. Exact tasks vary by reserve but will focus on practical conservation work improving habitats for wildlife, and access work and maintenance to keep our sites safe and welcoming for the visiting public.
- You will be learning a great deal; practical and habitat management skills, tool use, safe working practice and hopefully you'll pick up some plant and wildlife ID skills along the way.
- You will be working at your own pace. Though work requires basic fitness, volunteers work at their own pace. We recognise everyone comes with different fitness levels and practical experience to draw upon.
- It's not just work, you will be socialising along the way and hopefully having a great and rewarding day surrounded by nature.

## The skills you need

- No specialist skills are required as full instruction is given; however, you will need to:
- Have an interest in wildlife and conservation
- Want to expand your experience in the conservation sector
- Enjoy being outdoors
- Work well in a team and be open to mixing with a range of people
- Be willing to volunteer in inclement weather

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

- Learn practical conservation and habitat management skills or take your learning to the next level and participate in our formal AQA training units in habitat management.
- Gain experience with a leading conservation organisation for future employment prospects.
- Become part of the friendly and dedicated teams looking after our nature reserves
- Enjoyment of being outdoors
- Improved fitness, health and wellbeing

## **Disclaimer**

All volunteers must read and adhere to the LWT Volunteer Agreement, and relevant LWT Policies for your specific role. If working outdoors ensure you wear suitable outdoor workwear, waterproofs and robust boots. This volunteer role might need to alter and change. We ask therefore that you are flexible and open to completing different tasks over time as per instruction from your Volunteer Supervisor. If your health or access requirements change and this impacts on your ability to undertake your volunteer role, please ensure you inform us promptly.