

Volunteer role outline

Role Title
Volunteer Warden
Location
Locations in Winchester/Farlington Marsh
Times/days we'd like you to be available (this can be flexible)
3-4 hours on at least one regular day per week/fortnight
HIWWT Manager
Reserves Officer or Assistant Reserves Officer
Purpose of role
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To promote and enhance visitors' enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and the work of the Wildlife Trust.• To assist in the regular livestock checks on land under the conservation grazing programme.
Tasks involved in this role
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To promote and enhance visitors' enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and the work of the Wildlife Trust.• To be a 'visible presence' on site and provide a friendly, approachable point of contact for visitors.• To 'warden' the site, ensuring visitor safety where possible, providing information to visitors and ensuring that their behaviour is compatible with the aims of managing a nature reserve (so long as this does not compromise the safety of the warden).• To increase visitors' understanding and appreciation of the work carried out by the Trust.• Help visitors with their identification and knowledge of the wildlife that can be seen.• Promote and encourage visitors to support the Trust through membership, donations, attending events and volunteering.• To assist in the regular livestock checks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To carry out a quick visual assessment of the wellbeing of the cattle, sheep and/or ponies.○ To carry out a quick visual check of fences and gates used to contain livestock.○ To report any problems, such as a limping animal, new calf been born, hole in the fence, or some loose wire, to Trust staff by phone, text or email. You will not be required to take any practical action yourself unless trained to do so.• Help maintain the site in a clean and tidy condition by clearing up rubbish as appropriate.• Undertake such other appropriate assistance in relation to the role of Volunteer as may be reasonably requested by the HIWWT manager.• Work in compliance with the Trust's Health and Safety policy at all times, taking appropriate action and reporting back on potential hazards, accidents and other issues, such as evacuation and emergency procedures.

Training			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory 3 hr outdoor training session covering signs of health and ill health in cattle, sheep and ponies. • Compulsory 1-3 hr site(s) familiarisation visit with manager 			
Skills and abilities needed			
<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to be identifiable as a volunteer by wearing Trust sweatshirt/t-shirt (which will be provided) • Happy to remain motivated and enjoy watching wildlife on “quiet” days with fewer visitors (or wildlife) • Enthusiastic and outgoing • Interest in wildlife • Physically fit with good vision • Dependable. <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good general natural history knowledge • Experience of working with members of the public • Ability to enthuse visitors. <p>Please note due to the nature of the role preference will be given to volunteers who live local to the reserves they will warden.</p>			
What's in it for you...!			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full induction to the site and the work of the Trust • Uniform to identify you as a volunteer for the Trust • Opportunity to practise or expand natural history knowledge • Opportunity to meet new people with similar interests • Training may be provided if required and will be agreed by your HIWWT Manager. 			
Start date	April/May 2015	End date	Open

These arrangements are binding in honour only and are not intended to be legally binding.