



Volunteer Role Outline

<p>Role Title Winnall Moors Nature Reserve Volunteer Placement (5 months, Unpaid)</p>
<p>Location Winchester: Winnall Moors, St Faith's and St Cross Meadows', Hockley meadows</p>
<p>Times, days and frequency we'd like you to be available Minimum 2 days a week. Days to be agreed From May for 5 or more months.</p>
<p>HIWWT Manager/Supervisor Reserves Officer, Winchester</p>
<p>Purpose of role To gain valuable experience in conservation land management. Working alongside and being mentored by the Reserves Officer and Assistant Reserves Officer you will support day to day activities in various aspects of nature reserve management and visitor engagement focussing primarily on floodplain meadows in the Winchester area</p>
<p>Tasks involved in this role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking part in practical work parties & learning how to lead volunteers. Activities will include scrub cutting, scything, hay making, river management, weed cutting, fence building, path maintenance and electric fencing. • Training to looker livestock and help with general livestock management. • Warden the reserves and sites. • Assist with school visits, Wildlife Tots and evening bookings. • Preparation of engagement materials, posters, press releases. • Maintaining the Adventure of Winnall Moors story trail and the Water Vole Trail. • Data entry, including species records, volunteer hours and event bookings. • Ecological surveys such as water voles, riverfly survey, butterfly transect, bat transect, fixed point photography, botanical quadrats.
<p>Skills and abilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically fit, i.e. able to work outdoors for 8 hours at a time. • Reliable and hardworking • Well organised • Be able to work in a team and on their own delegated tasks. • Good communication skills to represent the Wildlife Trust • Attention to detail to deliver high quality results. • Background in environmental studies or sciences. • Practical experience is desirable. • Driving licence is desirable.
<p>Specific considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a voluntary placement and as such is unpaid • Approved costs incurred by travelling for the roles and other approved expenses will be payable by the Trust. • Accommodation is not included. • The volunteer will be asked to make a significant commitment to volunteering with the Trust over the five month period (ideally 2-3 days per week but the specific details of this commitment will be negotiable. • This particular role is suited to candidates with ambition to progress towards a career in conservation, land management or environmental education • Due to the nature of the work this opportunity is for over 18s only.
<p>What's in for you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to gain valuable hands on experience of nature reserve and livestock management. • Experience of working with the public and working as part of a team. • On the job training in habitat management, livestock handling, species surveying preparing and delivering educational sessions and managing volunteer work parties.

- External mandatory training such as first aid and water safety if considered essential to the role
- An opportunity to find out more about one of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight's leading conservation charity
- Opportunity to spend time exploring the reserves and applying and extending your knowledge of habitats and wildlife
- Most previous placements have progressed into paid positions within the sector

Created/updated May 2018	End date (if applicable)
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These arrangements are binding in honour only and are not intended to be legally binding.