

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT WARDEN
Purpose of the role
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playing an important part in our Reserves Team, you will help with the delivery of all aspects of DWT's practical estate management; gaining experience in a variety of aspects of nature conservation.
Type of work the role will be involved with
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaining experience with the broad range of practical management predominantly on DWT's South Dorset Nature Reserves and, at times, other DWT nature reserves. Developing experience with support from DWT staff in involving and supervising groups and individuals in site management. Gaining skills maintaining the reserve's estate fabric, including boardwalks, gates, fences and tracks. Gaining skills in species surveying such as butterfly, reptile and dormouse surveys.
Skills and abilities you will be using in your role.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendly, outgoing personality with good communication skills. Keen interest in wildlife. You will need to be enthusiastic and flexible in the role and able to react to the changing demands. You will need to be physically fit and willing to work outdoors in all weathers.
You will be based at:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dorset Wildlife Trust Headquarters, Brooklands Farm, Dorchester
Times / days we would like you to be available (minimum time commitment)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally 1 day a week and preferably the same day each week (although there is some flexibility)
Benefits to you
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to gain extensive knowledge of the wildlife and management of a high-profile nature reserves, with in house training provided. Opportunity to gain experience in engaging people in nature conservation and managing visitors on sensitive sites. Opportunities to engage with the DWT's work across South and East Dorset, including management of nature reserves, community engagement, surveys and helping at other centres.
Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers will receive support and training from the South Dorset Warden Travel expenses to/from our Brooklands Headquarters.