

Volunteering Opportunities in Wildlife Conservation

Surveying and monitoring with the New Forest Land Advice Service

Do you have a passion for birds, butterflies, bees, wildflowers or other wildlife? If so, get involved in the monitoring of our conservation work.

We are looking for volunteers with some species identification skills and/or a desire to learn and further develop these skills. Training and support will be provided.



Role Description

You will be part of a team of enthusiastic volunteers working together under the guidance of the New Forest Land Advice Service to survey and monitor wildlife habitats around the New Forest. You will carry out surveys of habitats and wildlife in woodlands, grassland, farm land and hedgerows in order to help us to monitor the changes and improvements seen at sites over the three years of restoration and enhancement projects.

Work will take place in pairs or in small teams in remote places on private land throughout the New Forest. All access requirements will be arranged through the New Forest Land Advice Service. You will need to be relatively physically fit to work outside all day long but can work at a pace that suits you.

Training on survey methodology will be provided and some volunteer equipment is available to use. Following the surveys we will need to receive a written report summarising your findings. We can help you with this if data analysis is not your forte!

Responsibilities

- You will endeavour to work safely in the team, being aware of fellow volunteers around you and have a respect for the site you are working on.
- You will abide by the health and safety guidance to ensure a safe and successful survey day.
- Under 18 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Essential Information

Single/Shared Role	Most of the survey work will be carried out in pairs or small groups.
Estimated preferred hours per week	Flexible. Hours volunteered per week may vary depending on species and weather conditions.
Location	Private land in the New Forest National Park.
Training	Induction session and all training will be provided.
Expenses	Travel expenses will be reimbursed.
Dress code	Suitable clothing is essential for this role. We can advise on suitable clothing for field work if you require, but it will range from wellies and waterproofs to a sunhat. Long trousers and long sleeves are recommended.
Other Information	Own transport preferable or via public transport. It is advisable to take a mobile phone and follow our H&S procedures if you are going to be working in the field without the Project Officer. You will need to bring your own packed lunch and drinks for field survey days as necessary.

Key Words / Tags

Self-motivation, inquiring mind, interest in new places, scientific mind, friendly, enthusiastic, outdoors, dependable, hard working

How to find out more or register your interest

www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/landscape-partnership
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There will also be opportunities to volunteer on other tasks as part of the Our Past, Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme.



For general enquiries contact the New Forest National Park Authority as the lead partner on 01590 646604 or email ourpast.ourfuture@newforestnpa.gov.uk

