

WELCOME!

Welcome to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and thank-you for your interest in volunteering with us.

Please read on to find out more...

Our Mission:

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust aims to protect wildlife and natural habitats throughout Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull, and to encourage a greater awareness, appreciation and participation in all aspects of nature conservation and the environment.

Our Work:

The Trust works to safeguard wildlife by:

- **CARING** for 55 Nature Reserves - woods, meadows & wetlands covering over 2000 hectares.
- **CAMPAIGNING** for wildlife and the environment - helping to protect threatened places and rare species.
- **ENCOURAGING** people to enjoy nature - with walks, talks and events in town and county.
- **WORKING** with schools and community groups - to support local action for the environment.
- **PROMOTING** ways for volunteers to help.

The Trust manages a wide variety of projects and services, some are based at the Trust's Headquarters at Brandon Marsh Nature Centre, near Coventry, and the Parkridge Centre in Brueton Park, Solihull and others are based in the community or at our nature reserves. There are volunteering opportunities available both at Brandon Marsh and the Parkridge Centre and most of our practical conservation work takes place at our nature reserves across the region.

We would really welcome your help as a volunteer at any of these sites - whether it is for an odd day or a few hours on a regular basis. Whatever time you can donate will make an important contribution to our overall work.

We aim to encourage people from all walks of life, with a variety of life experiences to come and volunteer and become involved in our work. Some roles do require specific skills or experience but most allow you to learn as you go along, after receiving appropriate on-the-job training and guidance from a staff member or experienced volunteer.

You do not need to be a member to volunteer. We recognise that people offer their support and help in a variety of different ways. Some people give donations of money; some people offer their time as volunteers. We are extremely grateful for your support, whichever way you give it.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are invaluable to our work - without them we would not be able to do half as much!
Volunteers bring bring new ideas and unique skills and knowledge to the Trust and their commitment and belief in our work strengthens us as an organisation.
Please read on to find out about the opportunities available...

Practical Conservation Work

Improving and enhancing habitats for wildlife, either at a nature reserve near your home, or by joining Nature Force, our mid-week conservation volunteers.

The kind of work we do includes:

- Woodland coppicing - a traditional craft, which encourages butterflies and wildflowers to survive.
- Hedge laying - lay hedgerows and replant gaps to link up countryside habitats.
- Clearing scrub from grasslands and wetlands to give threatened species a chance.
- Meadow cutting and hay-making to encourage wildflowers.
- Installing fencing to facilitate livestock grazing.

Other opportunities include:

- Becoming a volunteer warden on any of our 55 nature reserves.
- Helping to maintain our nature area at the Parkridge Centre, Solihull and our grounds and sensory garden at Brandon Marsh Visitor Centre.

Monitoring and Surveying Wildlife

- Surveying particular species to make sure our management work is benefitting them, and to monitor climate change.
- Surveying habitats and land use as part of the Habitat Biodiversity Audit.
- Surveying for the presence of otters as part of the otter Task Force.
- Surveying hedgerows to note the species present.

Education

- Leading and assisting school groups ranging from 3-19 years old in our education activities, aimed at providing pupils with a hands-on approach to wildlife in a fun but educational way.
- Help particularly required April - July.
- Assisting with wildlife workshops during summer holidays.

Community

- Planting, weeding and pruning flowerbeds and planters in an urban development area of Coventry.
- Helping to maintain a small allotment site.
- Working with members of the local community to plant, weed and prune a small pocket park.
- Assisting people within their local communities to manage ponds and woodlands.

Visitor Centre

- Providing visitors with information and guidance about the Trust and its work.
- Serving customers at the visitor centre shops and at our events.

Marketing & Fundraising

- Representing the Trust at volunteer fairs, careers fairs etc.
- Helping at public events from time to time.
- Delivering talks about the Trust and its work.
- Assisting in the office with membership, appeals and corporate membership.

Administration

- Various office and administration tasks at Brandon Marsh offices and the Parkridge Centre, Solihull.

Magazine Delivery

- Join one of our teams delivering our magazine to Trust members in your area three times a year.

Organisation

- Helping area groups to run activities in their local area.
- Helping to manage the Trust by becoming a Trustee.

WHEN CAN I HELP?

You decide how much time you wish to give to the Trust. Some people are able to volunteer every week whereas some are only available to volunteer once a month or a few times a year. Some roles do require a more solid commitment than others - if this is the case, it will be discussed with you before you start volunteering.

However, much time you can give will be gratefully accepted by all at the Trust.

Projects	Base	Weekdays	Weekends	As & When Needed	Flexible
Practical Conservation Work	Brandon*	✓	✓		✓
Monitoring & Surveying	Brandon* & Warwick	✓	✓		
Education	Brandon & Solihull	✓		✓	
Community	Hillfields	✓			✓
Visitor Centres	Brandon & Solihull	✓	✓		
Administration	Brandon & Solihull	✓			
Magazine Delivery	Various			✓	
Marketing & Fundraising	Brandon	✓		✓	
Organisation	Brandon	✓	✓		

*Office base at Brandon, work based at various nature reserves and other sites throughout the county.

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Below are some of the reasons that people volunteer with us - Whatever your reason we will be extremely grateful for your support.

- To keep busy and active in your retirement.
- To gain experience for your CV.
- To help you achieve your Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- To complete a work placement with school, college or university.
- To get exercise in order to lose weight or keep fit.
- To achieve corporate goals through volunteering with your work colleagues.
- To learn more about the countryside, how and why it's managed.
- To give something back to your local community.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US...

- Clear guidelines for the tasks that you are responsible for.
- A full induction to the work of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and our staff, plus your role and any training necessary to assist you.
- Risk assessments and safety plans for each activity.
- All volunteers are covered by the Trust's Insurance policy, whilst they are at the Trust's offices or engaged in any work approved and authorised by the Trust on our nature reserves.
- Help and support in developing your volunteering role with us and flexibility in how we use your skills.
- An enjoyable and friendly place to work.
- **APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU...

- To help Warwickshire Wildlife Trust fulfill its dedication to protecting wildlife and natural habitats throughout Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.
- To follow our procedures and standards, including health & safety and equal opportunities in relation to volunteers and clients.
- To meet agreed time commitments, where applicable, and to give reasonable notice so other arrangements can be made if they can not be met.
- To provide referees who may be contacted and to agree to police checks, where necessary.
- To raise any concerns, issues or problems with the relevant member of staff.
- **TO FEEL VALUE IN YOUR WORK AND ENJOY YOURSELF!**

YES, I'M INTERESTED, HOW DO I START?

Just phone, e-mail, call in or return the form enclosed to the relevant person below:

For practical conservation work or monitoring & surveying opportunities, please contact:

Ian Jelley
Reserves Volunteering Officer
Brandon Marsh Nature Centre
Brandon Lane
Coventry
CV3 3GW
Tel: 024 7630 8998
E-Mail: ian.jelley@wkwt.org.uk

For all other opportunities or for general enquiries, please contact:

Amanda Henshaw
Volunteer Development Officer
The Parkridge Centre
Brueton Park
Solihull
B91 3HW
Tel: 0121 704 0768
E-Mail: amanda.henshaw@wkwt.org.uk
The Volunteer Development Officer will deal with opportunities and enquiries related to volunteers for all sites, not solely the Parkridge Centre.

YES, I'M INTERESTED...

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ E-Mail*: _____

Telephone Number (Home)*: _____ Telephone Number (Mobile)*: _____

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will retain your details on computer and from time to time will contact you about the work of the Trust or direct marketing. If you do not wish to be contacted please mark the box:

* By supplying these details you are consenting to being contacted by telephone or e-mail with the above information.

Volunteering Information

What areas are you interested in volunteering for? (You may tick more than one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Conservation Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring & Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee | |

When are you able to volunteer?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
a.m.							
p.m.							

How much notice do you need to volunteer?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Week | <input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Hours |

How often are you interested in volunteering?

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Every Few Months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally | <input type="checkbox"/> As and when required | |

What is your preferred location?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Marsh, Coventry | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkridge Centre, Solihull |
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Skills and Interests:

Please describe any skills or experience you would like to share with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust:

Hobbies/Interests:

How did you hear about us?

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please State): | |

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Brandon Marsh Nature Centre, Brandon Lane, Coventry CV3 3GW Telephone 024 7630 2912

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