

Volunteer Task Outline



Task title: Environment Monitor

Location: Across the Faughan Valley - Brackfield, Oaks, Burntollet & Killaloo Wood

Time: Surveys take place throughout the year, volunteers giving 4-6 days per year would be appreciated

Volunteer Manager: Dave Scott

<p>Task summary</p>	<p>The Woodland Trust is one of the UK's leading conservation charities. We have over 500,000 members and supporters and more than 1,000 sites all over the UK. We believe life's better with trees. We protect and campaign on behalf of the UK's woods; plant more trees, and restore ancient woodland, for the benefit of wildlife and people.</p> <p>Volunteers help conserve the natural beauty of the Faughan Valley by assisting the project team with the practical management of the landscape. Surveys are an important part of this as the results determine what management plans to put in place to help conserve, protect, maintain and enhance the sites in the Faughan Valley. Everyone who is capable of a little light work and enjoys spending time outside is welcome to join us regardless of age, ability and motivation.</p> <p>The Environment Monitor role is primarily a seasonal role to support the development of a major landscape-scale woodland project across the Faughan Valley. Surveys are varied, covering anything from generic hedgerow, woodland or habitat surveys to more specific; bat, lizard or frog orchid surveys. These tasks will cover the whole of the Faughan Valley from Ness Wood to Claudy Country Park and feed into our plans for delivery.</p> <p>As with all volunteer roles you will be required to attend an induction to your volunteering role at the Woodland Trust. This is approximately 90 minutes long and is organised by your volunteering development officer.</p>
<p>Role purpose</p>	<p>This role links to the Woodland Trust's aim to encourage awareness of conservation and habitat protection for wildlife within woodlands and green spaces. We hope this will encourage local people and visitors to use and respect the facilities of woods and the wildlife within them, increasing their value in the eyes of the local communities.</p>
<p>Key activities</p>	<p>The following are considered key components of the role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an initial induction with the Volunteer Manager. • Follow task specific training regarding relevant flora and fauna. • Carry out surveys and providing data on tree diseases, hedgerows, ancient woodland, birds, rivers and a range of other habitats and wildlife. • Always act in accordance with the agreed role risk assessment. • Report any issues you come across on the site(s) to your volunteer manager. • Adherence to the Woodland Trust Volunteer Charter, policies, procedures and guidelines.

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<p>Experience / knowledge required including personal qualities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some background knowledge of the flora/fauna to be surveyed would be preferable. • An interest in the natural environment and a willingness to learn new skills. • Flexibility and enthusiasm is essential as well as the ability to work closely with others. • Good attention to detail and the ability to record and report back your findings in agreed time frames. • A sensible regard for health and safety and willingness to communicate any concerns to your volunteer manager. • Understanding and support of the Woodland Trust's principles of woodland management. • A reasonable level of fitness in order to cover the distances required on foot and to reach some relatively inaccessible places away from footpaths.
<p>Equipment required</p>	<p>The Woodland Trust will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any PPE noted in the risk assessment. • ID badge, branded polo shirt. <p>Volunteers will need to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and sturdy footwear. • Access to a phone and an email address.
<p>Expenses</p>	<p>Expenses will be reimbursed for return journeys from home based on public transport cost or mileage at standard rates for the Woodland Trust. Other expenses must be agreed in advance with your volunteer manager.</p>
<p>Health & Safety</p>	<p>The Trust has a Health and Safety policy supported by guidance and rules. The Trust provides risk assessments for each volunteering role. You will have a responsibility to flag up any risks the task may pose to you or others and discuss it with your Volunteer Manager.</p>
<p>Hours</p>	<p>Please keep a record of the hours you are involved with the task and send them to your volunteer manager each month. This allows us to measure the impact and value that volunteering has on the work of the organisation.</p>
<p>Event support</p>	<p>As a Woodland Trust volunteer you may have the opportunity to support the Trust at events in your area. We will contact you when these occasions arise to see if you are available to help.</p>

A note about Conflict of Interest

It is important that volunteers avoid situations that give rise to a personal or business conflict of interest while undertaking their volunteer role. If a volunteer is in a situation where they may end up gaining financially or where their own self-interest and the interests of the organisation might be in conflict, it is important that the volunteer speaks to their volunteer manager as soon as possible.