



## Volunteer Role: Cambourne Nature Reserve Volunteer Ranger

<b>Support Person</b>	Rebecca Neal, Communities and Wildlife Officer
<b>Role Purpose</b>	The purpose of this role is to be the eyes and ears of the Wildlife Trust BCN on Cambourne Nature Reserve, to ensure paths are not overgrown, and litter is reduced. Volunteers will be part of a team who, together, will cover the whole reserve.
<b>Specific Tasks</b>	<p>Volunteers work independently. They are asked to walk a patch of the reserve on a regular basis and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report back any problems such as fallen trees or vandalism, with a detailed description, photographs and location</li><li>• Pick up litter</li><li>• Keep paths open by cutting back over-growing vegetation in areas highlighted by staff</li><li>• Report any interesting wildlife to the local records centre</li></ul> <p>Volunteers also serve as a connection between the local community and the Trust, however they are able. This might be, for example, by promoting events, encouraging sustainable use of the reserve, or helping communication with a school or community group.</p>
<b>Skills and Qualities Needed</b>	<p>Volunteers will come from a wide range of backgrounds and will have many different qualities and skills. Essential skills and qualities for this role are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A local connection</li><li>• Willingness to be outside in all weathers</li><li>• Some knowledge of local wildlife</li><li>• Enthusiasm about nature and environmental issues</li><li>• Ability to walk the reserve at least once a month</li></ul>
<b>Commitment</b>	This is a casual role and can be done as little or often as the volunteer is able. As a guide, a volunteer might walk their area once or twice a month for an hour or two.
<b>Support and Training</b>	<p>The volunteer will be given regular guidance and support and offered any relevant training. Contact will mostly be via email, but face-to-face meetings can be arranged.</p> <p>Volunteers can be provided with a litter-picker, gloves and loppers/secateurs if needed.</p>
<b>Expectations of WTBCN Volunteers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to communicate via email</li><li>• Willingness to abide by the Wildlife Trust BCN's Policies and Procedures and follow guidance provided by staff</li><li>• Willingness to use support systems</li><li>• Co-operation with administrative tasks e.g. filling in expenses forms</li></ul>
<b>Location of volunteering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cambourne Nature Reserve</li></ul>

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