



Volunteer Role: Waresley and Gransden Woods Community Ranger

Support Person	Rebecca Neal, Communities and Education Officer
Role Purpose	The purpose of this role is to be an advocate on behalf of the Wildlife Trust BCN in the communities surrounding Waresley and Gransden Woods, and to be the eyes and ears on the ground on this reserve. Volunteers will be a positive voice for the Trust in the area, and help connect the Trust to local people.
Specific Tasks	<p>Volunteers work independently.</p> <p>The most important aspect of this role is to connect the Trust with the local community, and to represent the Trust to local people. This might be done in a number of different ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being a presence onsite, especially during bluebell season and encouraging people to act respectfully• Encouraging sustainable use of the reserve by discussing the topic with friends, family and neighbours• Signposting people on social media to relevant information• Reminding people to keep their dog on a lead• Posting positive updates linked to the reserve on social media• Promoting events on Facebook or by putting up posters• Reporting to the Trust if there are any concerns in the community regarding the reserves• Introducing the Trust to a community group <p>They are asked to walk their local reserve on a regular basis and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report back any problems such as fallen trees or vandalism, with a detailed description, photographs and location• Pick up litter• Report any interesting wildlife to the local records centre
Skills and Qualities Needed	<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">• A local connection• Ability to talk with people• Ability to interpret and discuss information• Willingness to be outside in all weathers• Some knowledge of local wildlife• Enthusiasm about nature and environmental issues• Ability to walk the reserve ideally daily, but as a minimum twice a week• Ability to communicate via email

	<p>We want our volunteers to be as diverse as wildlife. As an inclusive organisation we recognise that our people need to better reflect the communities in which we live and work. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds, identities and cultures. We believe that such diversity will help us create our vision of 'people close to nature in a land rich in wildlife'.</p>
Commitment	<p>This is a casual role and can be done as and when a volunteer is available, but we are keen to recruit someone who can have a regular presence on site. Ideally a volunteer will walk on their local reserve daily, but as a minimum twice a week for an hour or two.</p>
Support and Training	<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. Volunteers will be sent links and posters and the Trust will make sure volunteers have information regarding expected behaviour by visitors to reserves, and specific messages to communicate. It may be appropriate to arrange a group meeting onsite with conservation staff to discuss management.</p> <p>Volunteers can be provided with a litter-picker if needed.</p>
Expectations of WTBCN Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to communicate promptly via email • Willingness to abide by the Wildlife Trust BCN's Policies and Procedures and follow guidance provided by staff • Willingness to use support systems • Co-operation with administrative tasks e.g. submitting hours
Location of volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waresley and Gransden Woods

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