

Volunteer role guideline



Warwickshire
Wildlife Trust

Role title: Local Reserves Group Volunteer.

Purpose of your role: Reserves based volunteers assist our Local Reserves Group Volunteer Leader to maintain and enhance their local nature reserve.

Tasks you will be involved with:

Tasks will vary throughout the year, ranging from meadow and ride cutting in the summer to coppicing, tree felling and scrub clearance in the winter along with various other construction projects, fencing, pond work, litter picking. Often the work will involve the use of hand tools, mechanical and powered equipment such as brush-cutters, chainsaws, mowers and tractors on site.

Skills and abilities required:

- No prior experience needed, as full training is provided.
- You should bring suitable footwear and waterproof clothing, all tools and safety equipment will be provided.
- Please be aware of the physical nature of practical work and the requirement to work with and alongside mechanical and powered equipment.
- A willingness to work outside in all weather and in remote locations.
- An understanding of the importance of health and safety in the environment described.
- Able to follow instructions.

Please note: If you require assistance in your everyday life you will need to attend with someone who can support you throughout the session as it is essential that people are able to take responsibility for their own health & safety.

Bring a drink, sun cream if weather is hot and insect repellent.

You will be based at: Various local reserves throughout Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.

**** Please note:** not all of our reserves have a Local Reserves Group.

Days and time we would like you to be available: Local reserves groups run at various times on weekdays/ weekends depending on the nature reserve. Our Local Reserves Groups usually start at 9.30am and finish by mid-afternoon.

Benefits to you:

- Contribute to the conservation of our beautiful nature reserves.
- Reconnect with nature, whilst learning more about your local reserves and wildlife.
- Act for nature.
- Learn and develop new skills such as hedge laying, fence construction, coppicing, tree popping etc.
- Meet like-minded people, make new friends.
- Keep active, enjoy the outdoors whilst improving your health and wellbeing.

Your staff contact: Reserves Officer / Local Reserves Group Volunteer Leader.

