**Community Engagement and Education Volunteers**

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| *Main Tasks* |
| Do you enjoy working with people and engaging them to nature and wildlife? We have a range of volunteering opportunities working with a cross section of the community to deliver work connecting people to wildlife. **We have a variety of groups and opportunities to work with including:*** Young people through education projects and schools including Forest Schools
* Toddlers at our weekly Nature Tots sessions
* 16 – 25 year olds who are unemployed, helping them to gain skills for future employment through conservation volunteering. Help needed in Congleton and Warrington areas (minibus departs near Malpas each day)
* People who are suffering with or a risk of low level mental health illnesses to use nature as a therapy pathway to recovery in Northwich and Winsford region
* Older people (50+) supporting and offering help during wildlife walks (both short and long) and days out including canal boat trips in the Malpas region
* Visit some older people in their homes to discuss how they can access the Great Outdoors Malpas project
* Helping to promote and sell out volunteer roles and activities by putting up posters and speaking to groups
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| *Volunteer specification* |
| * Would need to be a lively outgoing person who is happy to talk to people
* Must be reliable
* Prospective volunteers must have their own transport to get to meet points
* Provide information, encouragement and ensure people feel comfortable during the activity
* A passion for wildlife and enthusiastic about conserving your local environment
* Friendly and approachable nature
* Ability to get along with a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds
* Ability to work as part of a small team
* Willing to undertake a DBS check if required by the role
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| *Recruitment & selection* |
| Potential volunteers will be asked to complete a registration formVolunteers will be asked to come to an informal interviewThey will be sent a welcome email and induction packFor some roles including working with young people a DBS check will be undertakenInduction and training sessions will be given before starting the role |

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| *Key facts* |
| * This role allows you to combine working with people and working for nature
* You do not need to have any previous experience just a willingness to have go
* You can commit to helping a few days a week or just once a month
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| *Training* |
| Full in house training will be given. We can also support you in further external training as part of a traineeship or personal development in the role i.e. Safeguarding or first aid courses.  |

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| *Support/supervision* |
| Each volunteer will be given a main coordinator contact. Reviews will take place on a 6 monthly basis to offer any support for the role. The CWT safeguarding officers are also available for any support needs during the role. If you would like further reviews or support please talk to your coordinator directly or contact the volunteering office on 01948 820728.  |

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| *Expenses* |
| Cheshire Wildlife Trust as a charity is not able to pay all expenses for volunteers. In special circumstances or if asked to travel to a certain session some expenses can be paid. Please contact the volunteering office for more information 01948 820 728.  |

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| *Important policies to read for this role* |
| [Safeguarding vulnerable adult policy](#Vulnerableadults) [Safeguarding children policy](#Childprotection)[Data Protection policy](#DataProtection)[Equality and Diversity statement](#Equality)[Health and safety policy](#Healthandsafety)[Disciplinary and complaints procedures](#complaints) |