Community Engagement Volunteer Role Description

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**IDENTIFICATION OF ROLE**

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**ROLE TITLE** - Community Engagement Volunteer

**TERM** - 9 - 12 Months

**TEAM** - Area East Team

**WORKING BASE** - The role will require you to work on several sites across Area East. The Area East Office is Lower Nabs Farm, Wildboarclough, but this does not have to be your working base if it is easier for you to go direct to site for our events.

**RESPONSIBLE TO** - Wild Communities Officers

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**ROLE DESCRIPTION**

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We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing individual to support our Wild Community Team. This is an exciting opportunity for somebody to inspire people about their local wildlife and take action to protect it. This will include helping us at events, such as guided walks, talks and training sessions.

You will be good with people and have a true passion for wildlife conservation. Previous experience is not necessary, however you will be expected to have a baseline understanding of wildlife and to be a real people person.

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**MAIN TASKS**

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Specific tasks associated with this role are likely to include the following;

**Community Engagement:** Your main task will be assisting in the delivery and preparation for our events. This will include guided walks on our nature reserves, attending large events on third party sites, such as RHS Tatton, and helping us to deliver training sessions.

These events will be delivered by staff or by skilled trainers, with you assisting as needed. However, as your confidence and skill levels grow, there is a possibility you could take a lead and do the delivery as part of this role.

There is also a chance for you to recruit new members to the Trust, helping to fund the work we do for local wildlife. We will provide training to do this and will only ask you to do so if you feel comfortable with this aspect of our work.

**Practical Arrangements**

* This is a 9 - 12-month long volunteer role. Flexible days can be accommodated but it is likely the majority of our events will be running at weekends.
* The normal working day for CWT is 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday but we may ask you to help out with events at weekends and evenings if you are available.
* You will be based within the Area East Team, based at Lower Nabs Farm, Wildboarclough. However, events are held across the whole of the Cheshire East area, so this role is open to anyone willing to travel.
* A full driving license is necessary along with access to your own vehicle and adequate insurance. Public transport is unlikely to be feasible for accessing many of our sites.

**Benefits and Training**

* Expand your wildlife knowledge whilst helping others to learn about wildlife through guided walks and talks delivered by knowledgeable experts.
* Meet like-minded people.
* Gain experience of working with a broad variety of people.
* Build you engagement skills to help you progress your conservation career.

**Volunteer Specification**

We are looking for someone with the following qualities and abilities:

* Outgoing, approachable personality.
* Good organisational skills and a can-do attitude.
* A passion for British wildlife and conservation.
* Enjoys working with the public.
* Reliable, proactive and able to use initiative.
* Ability to get along with a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds.
* Ability to work both alone and as part of a small team.
* Good communication skills.
* A good level of fitness is desirable as some of our events involve walking across our reserves, which can be steep and uneven under-foot.

**How to Apply:**

If you are interested in this volunteer role then please complete a volunteer application form and email it to volunteering@cheshirewt.org.uk, if successful you will then be invited to meet with the volunteer leader.