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Nottinghamshire
Wildlife Trust 

Volunteer role description

Role title: Miner 2 Major Practical Conservation Volunteer

Team/Group: Reserve Management/ People and Wildlife

Your volunteer leader: Jamie Shortland (M2M Volunteer Wildlife Co-ordinator)

Volunteering base: We run the following sessions across the county:

- Weekly sessions on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays

Why we need this role

This role sits within the Miner2Major (M2M) Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme, which is a 5-year National Lottery Heritage Funded project.

This programme is made up of several different elements, which aim to connect people with the nature and heritage of Sherwood.

NWT are delivering one of the projects **Key elements** known as “**Better Habitats**” This element of M2M will enhance, restore, re-create and re-link Sherwood’s heathlands and other characteristic habitats, making them more resilient and more favourable for the priority species which they support.

We need volunteers to join us in making **Better Habitats** a success by helping the team to conserve, enhance and maintain the important habitats across NWT sites and other M2M Partnership sites in the wider Sherwood Area.

Practical volunteering provides an essential support for the project team throughout the seasons, with activities such as scrub clearance, tree planting, meadow cutting, bailing hay, path maintenance and much more. All our reserves are open to the public seven days a week and require regular maintenance to support access to nature for everyone. Our practical volunteers help achieve this.

What this role involves

Practical conservation volunteers meet weekly to carry out a wide range of tasks on our reserves throughout Nottinghamshire. As a volunteer you will be working as part of a fantastic team of

diverse ages and backgrounds who come together to make a difference for wildlife and people's appreciation of it.

We request each volunteer to dress for the weather; wearing layers is the best way to prepare for the good old British climate. Wear something you don't mind getting messy and stout footwear or wellies. All activities are outdoors so please bring a drink and a packed lunch. We provide all tools, personal protection equipment such as gloves and hard hats, and plenty of tea/ coffee and biscuits.

Experience and skills needed

No specialist skills are required however you will need to:

- Have a moderate/good level of fitness
- Be able to work as part of a team working closely with other people.
- Follow instructions – for your safety and everyone else's.
- Have an interest in the natural environment and wildlife
- A willingness to learn new skills and gain new experiences.

Please note - if you require assistance/support in your everyday life, you will need to attend with someone who can support you in order to join these practical volunteering sessions.

Benefits and training opportunities

- Help protect your local environment
 - Feel more connected to nature
 - Gain valuable experience for future employment prospects
 - Meet new people and work as part of a team
 - Learn new skills and about habitat management
 - Improved fitness, health and wellbeing
 - A full induction and demonstration of safe use of tools and habitat care
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Commitment

There is no limit to your involvement – you are welcome to select multiple sessions if you have the time, capacity and energy!

We ask all volunteers to attend as regularly as they can for their chosen session(s) and let their Volunteer Leader know if they cannot attend. This helps with planning tasks and the tools and equipment need.

You may need to make your own way to the sites as we have limited transport capacity from our main bases. Many of the reserves are isolated and not served by public transport.

Please arrive in time for a 10am start. Sessions generally end at 3pm. There are drinks and lunch breaks.

Duration of role

Ongoing.

References required?

No

All volunteers are asked to agree to our [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)

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