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## Volunteer role description

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<b>Role title:</b>	Miner2Major Volunteer
<b>Team/Group:</b>	Conservation Team & People and Nature Team
<b>Your volunteer leader:</b>	Charleen Case (Miner2Major Wildlife Projects Officer) Jamie Shortland (Miner2Major Volunteer Wildlife Co-ordinator)
<b>Volunteering base:</b>	Various sites across the Miner2Major landscape area

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### Why we need this role

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) are a partner within the Miner2Major Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme – A 5 year National Lottery Heritage Funded project which started in 2019.

NWT are taking the lead on 2 strands of this project – ‘Better Habitats’ and ‘Saving Sherwood’s Special Species’.

Within these aspects of the project, we will be carrying out a range of practical habitat tasks and various wildlife surveys. By volunteering you will be helping to conserve, enhance and gain a better understanding of the characteristic Sherwood habitat, which is a mosaic of oak-birch woodland and heathland.

As a Miner2Major wildlife survey volunteer you will be carrying out tasks across NWT sites and other Miner2Major partnership sites in the wider Sherwood area (eg Nottinghamshire County Council sites). The surveys will help to determine current population levels of certain Sherwood characteristic and/or threatened species. This data will then go on to influence future habitat management works. We are looking at completing surveys relating to birds, reptiles, invertebrates and plant species.

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### What this role involves

We request each volunteer to dress for the weather and to wear stout footwear and clothing you don’t mind getting messy, as all activities are outdoors.

The surveys completed for the Miner2Major project will cover a number of sites within the Sherwood Landscape area as described in the project. Relevant training will be given regarding how to carry out the surveys and the recording process of sightings will be explained

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust may then pass on recordings received to other landowners and groups where appropriate. NWT will also pass on records to the County recorder. NWT will issue a permit for these survey activities on NWT land each season. NWT will also organise any other landowner permissions required and will provide ongoing support/ assistance, as required.

For health and safety reasons, surveyors are advised not to lone work on remote / unfamiliar sites and to inform the site manager, warden or community group when on site and when equipment is being left unattended.

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## 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 outside on rough terrain

Be able to work as part of a team

Have an interest in wildlife and some knowledge of species identification would be useful but is not essential

Own transport is advantageous, as some sites aren't easily accessible by public transport. (Pairing up with someone who has a car may be possible)

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## Benefits and training opportunities

This is an exciting opportunity to monitor wildlife in the wider Sherwood area and contribute to evidence based conservation.

A full induction will be given. Training for the surveys will be available to skill up your identification and field survey skills. There may also be opportunity for other conservation related training, as one of the partners of the Miner2Major project is Inspire (Culture/Learning/Libraries).

As a volunteer a 20% reduction for all training courses, shop products and café food at the Attenborough Nature Centre and the Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre is available for all registered NWT volunteers.

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## Commitment

We ask all volunteers to attend as regularly as possible, and to let your volunteer leader know if you are unable to attend.

On average a time commitment for the surveys could be as regular as 1 day a week during the survey season (March to October).

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## Duration of role

Ongoing

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## References required?

No

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