

Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	Conservation Officer
Volunteer Manager	RSPB Team
Where you will be based	Community

Why we want you

Many bird, plant and other animal species are declining, in order to conserve them we need to understand more about their populations and their breeding numbers.

Your help is needed to complete a variety of annual and monthly surveys which are essential to collect data about various species to monitor population trends and help inform the science behind our work.

This science will then contribute to planning casework, inform policy decisions, engage the community regarding the species and nature near to them, and help influence external organisations.

The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity! Join our fantastic volunteers who are helping to inspire everyone to give nature a home and secure a healthy environment for wildlife. We will help you gain skills and give you an invaluable insight into our essential work.

What you will be doing

- This role will vary depending on the landscape you are working within in and the needs of the Area team.
- Surveying an agreed wildlife species on a regular, ad-hoc or one-off basis during set times of the year.
- Input surveying data to the database or submitting it for another individual to input.
- Contributing to planning Casework, Policy and Advocacy.
- Engagement and SNTP.
- Advisory work.
- Administration.

The skills you need

- This role will require some key general skills, but please note that we will offer full training and induction into this particular area of the RSPB . You may need some experience in the area depending on what it is.
- IT skills, creating documents, managing spreadsheets, submitting records.
- Excellent communication skills for engaging with different audiences, internal and external to the RSPB.

- Organisational skills.
- Specific skills will be dependent on what species are being monitored/surveyed. For example, bird ID skills would be required for breeding bird surveys.
- Ability to work independently, or possibly in a small team.

What's in it for you

- You will learn all about how the RSPB works and gain experience working for an environmental charity.
- A chance to develop hands on experience and skills around surveying.
- We will offer training and induction to ensure that you are prepared for the specific needs for each landscape.
- You will be contributing to our Priority landscape work programme, so we are able to better protect these places for nature long into the future.
- We like to think we're a friendly and welcoming team, so you'll have the opportunity to make new friends too.

Disclaimer

Suitable for under 18's. The RSPB will reimburse you for out of pocket expenses travel expenses, we will provide the equipment, training and any uniform needed for you to complete the role

We're now the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves. We rely on the support and generosity of our volunteers to make a difference

Our work stretches far beyond the UK. Wherever wildlife is in threat, we'll work with partners across the globe to help save it and give it a home.