

# Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	<b>Community Volunteer</b>
Volunteer Manager	<b>RSPB Team</b>
Where you will be based	<b>Community</b>

## Why we want you

We know that we are facing a climate and biodiversity crisis, nature is in trouble, but we strongly believe that we can make a difference. We need community volunteers to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for nature encouraging people in their communities to take actions to save and protect their local green space and wildlife.

Acting as the local contact in your community, you'll be able to provide others with advice and guidance about local spaces for enjoying nature and wildlife. By sharing your passion, enthusiasm and tips for creating a wildlife friendly space in whatever space is available to them, you'll be supporting others to give nature a home.

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

- Publicising yourself as an RSPB contact in your local community by:
- Putting posters up in local facilities, such as libraries, and online forums
- Asking your local RSPB nature reserve to put up posters in cafes, shops and hides to promote you as a local contact.
- Sharing your knowledge and advice on some or all the following:
- Where the best nature and wildlife walks are in your local area and a reminder of the countryside code.
- How and where to cite bird, bat, and solitary bee nest boxes and what time of the year is best to do so.
- Top 10 wildlife friendly plants for the garden or to plant in pots on a balcony or window box.
- Tips on creating a wildlife pond in a garden and what wildlife you can expect to attract. How to maintain a pond to keep it healthy for wildlife.
- Types of birds you're likely to see in your garden and how to attract them.
- What to do if you find an injured bird or a baby bird.
- Guidance about feeding garden birds including good hygiene.
- How to attract other types of wildlife to your garden, eg, hedgehogs.
- Of course, any advice you give will reflect the RSPB, so we'll provide you with the information and knowledge you need, provide you with a 'cheat

sheet' used by our Wildlife enquiries department. For any queries you're not able to answer, the Wildlife enquiries team will be there as a source of knowledge.

## **The skills you need**

- You need to be a good people person, ie, approachable, friendly.
- Knowledge (though not extensive) of birds and other wildlife.
- Enthusiasm and passion for wildlife and nature.
- Committed to inspiring others to 'give nature a home' in any space that is available to them.
- Knowledge of the local area and local wildlife.

## **What's in it for you**

- A marvellous opportunity to share with others in your local community your knowledge of local wildlife hotspots, nature walks, and gardening for wildlife tips.
- The satisfaction of inspiring and guiding others on how to 'give nature a home'.
- An opportunity to get to know other members in your community, create new networks and have shared experiences.

## **Disclaimer**

Suitable for under 18's.

We will notify our Communications team that you're a local RSPB contact and set you up with an RSPB email address to ensure your privacy.

We will reimburse you for any out of pocket expenses incurred as part of your role, though as this is a home based role (other than if you need to put up posters publicising your role in the local community) you're unlikely to incur any expenses.

We can provide you with a work mobile phone in order to take and make calls in your local community – again, to ensure your privacy.

We will of course provide you with ongoing support in your role through training, one to ones and team gatherings.

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.