

Our Past, Our Future
Working together for the New Forest

Volunteering Opportunities in Wildlife Conservation

Monitoring Wetlands Habitats

Do you like water habitats and their wildlife? Are you interested in local history?

As part of the Our Past Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme, the Living Waters project is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help the Freshwater Habitats Trust with water testing and events.

No experience needed, just the desire to be out and about, and to learn and share information about the natural world and the rich heritage in your local area.



Role Description

The role of the interested volunteer can be tailored according to your skills and the time you have available. Training and support will be given by the Living Landscape team of experts throughout.

Key roles include:

- Test the water quality of rivers, streams and ponds in your local area to help us find clean water habitats and identify where there may be pollution problems we can then try and address as part of the project.
- Help with practical management work to improve water habitats for the important plants and animals that live in the Beaulieu stream catchment. Practical work will include pond management and creation, and removing non-native invasive plants.
- Carry out surveys of visitors and local people using questionnaires to help our understanding of the impact of our awareness raising campaign.
- Provide support at workshops and events, and help disseminate the findings of the project.

Responsibilities

We will work with you to identify which role is best suited for you and train you so that you will then be able carry out the tasks you have chosen according to an agreed timetable.

You will be responsible for reporting your findings to the project team, via a website or in person depending on the role you have chosen.

Essential Information

Single/Shared Role	Flexible, depending on the chosen role.
Estimated preferred hours per week	Flexible. The water testing will need bimonthly repeat visits, ideally over a number of years.
Location	Privately owned land in the New Forest National Park with a focus on the Beaulieu Stream catchment.
Training	All training will be provided in small groups or individually depending on the chosen role.
Expenses	Travel expenses can be reimbursed.
Dress code	If joining us at a public event branded clothing may be provided (e.g. T-shirt and/or Jacket). For the water testing field work, advice will be given during training but essentially outdoor clothing is required including wellies and waterproofs.
Other Information	Own transport is desirable.

Key Words / Tags

friendly, enthusiastic, practical, outdoors, dependable, inquisitive, problem solver, researcher

How to find out more or register your interest

www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/landscape-partnership
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There will also be opportunities to volunteer on other tasks as part of the Our Past, Our future Landscape Partnership Scheme.



For general enquiries contact the New Forest National Park Authority as the lead partner on 01590 646604 or email ourpast.ourfuture@newforestnpa.gov.uk

