

Our Past, Our Future
Working together for the New Forest

Volunteering Opportunities in Wildlife Conservation

Practical Conservation tasks with the New Forest Land Advice Service

Do you enjoy being out and about in the New Forest? Why not join our conservation team? We are looking for enthusiastic and hard working volunteers to undertake rewarding practical conservation tasks across the New Forest National Park.

No experience needed, just the desire and ability to be out in the forest all day. All training and equipment is provided.



Role Description

You will be part of a team of enthusiastic volunteers working together under the guidance of the New Forest Land Advice Service to help restore and enhance wildlife habitats.

Key roles include:

- Working out doors, sometimes in relatively remote sites, from around 10am until 4pm on days between October and February (inclusive)
- Using hand tools to clear invading scrub from valuable grassland and wetland habitats or helping to restore and enhance hedgerows and woodlands through hedgelaying, coppicing and removal of invasive plant species.
- Using bowsaws, loppers, billhooks and pruning saws you will work in a team of enthusiastic volunteers to help enhance some of the New Forest's precious countryside. Cut vegetation will be burned on site.

Responsibilities

You will endeavour to work safely in the team, being aware of fellow volunteers around you and have a respect for the site you are working on. A tools and safety talk is part of the working day, and you will endeavour to abide by the necessary health and safety guidance to ensure a safe and successful conservation task day. Under 18 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Essential Information

Single/Shared Role	All tasks will be shared between a number of volunteers and work will be undertaken in teams led by a Project Officer.
Estimated preferred hours per week	Whole day or half day if you prefer. Approximately 1 task day a week between October and February.
Location	Private land in the New Forest National Park.
Training	Induction session and all training will be provided.
Expenses	Travel expenses can be reimbursed.
Dress code	Suitable clothing is essential for this role. Old gardening clothes, waterproofs and wellies or sturdy boots (preferably steel toe-capped) must be worn. Tools, gloves, safety goggles can be provided.
Other Information	Own transport desirable or via public transport You will need to be relatively physically fit to work outside all day long but can work at a pace that suits you. You will also need to bring your own packed lunch and drinks but some biscuits/refreshments will be provided!

Key Words / Tags

e.g. friendly, enthusiastic, practical, outdoors, dependable, hard working, sense of humour

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

