

Volunteer Role Description

Title of role:	Wildlife Watch Volunteer
Location:	Ledbury and Queenswood available
Responsible to:	Engagement Officer
Status:	Voluntary
Hours:	Weekends, once a month for 2 hours, plus activity planning time

General Information:

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust is a member of The Wildlife Trusts, a nationwide network of local trusts that work to protect wildlife in town and country. Through their care of a network of nature reserves and a range of other conservation and education activities, The Wildlife Trusts are striving for a UK richer in wildlife and promotes active engagement in Nature. Volunteers are vital not only to practical conservation tasks but also to the engagement of the public, events and administrative tasks.

Wildlife Watch is the junior membership scheme for the Wildlife Trusts and is an exciting way of introducing young people to wildlife and the natural world in their own local communities.

We have groups in Ledbury and at Queenswood who need a core of 4 volunteers each to plan and deliver a 2 hour session each month/every second month.

With 4 volunteers we hope to cover illness/holidays/commitments and so keep the planning manageable and fun for all. The ground work has already been laid and a healthy base of 'experts' to call upon to engage the children has been created. Prepared materials and guides and tools are also at your disposal.

Main tasks:

- To support the Watch leader and help to run the monthly Watch group sessions, providing support to the young people in the activities
- To develop and plan activities for future sessions aimed at engaging young people of all ages
- To be able to demonstrate 'how to projects' to support or investigate wildlife eg bird feeders from scrap, amateur binocular training, carry out an insect hunt

Skills/Qualities Needed

- Love of Nature and love of creativity
- Experience working or volunteering with children and young people
- The volunteer will be a 'face' of the Trust in this role and must be courteous and friendly
- Given the role is working with young people a DBS check will be needed, this can be completed as part of the volunteer induction

Expenses

The Volunteer may claim their travel expenses incurred travelling to and from their volunteering duties and any training sessions, (considering the shortest distance) with authorisation from their Volunteer Manager.

For roles at Queenswood car parking will be covered by the Trust.

A wide range of resources for activities are available from the Trust, if the Watch group would like specific resources this will need to be discussed with the volunteer manager.

Confidentiality

The volunteers will have access to sensitive information on sites and individuals, such as personal contact information. Herefordshire Wildlife Trust has a Data Protection Policy a copy of which will be provided if requested. The volunteer is expected to respect confidentiality and not to comment on any sensitive issues which may arise.

Training

Training required for the role will be provided by the Trust. Other training opportunities may be available on an ad-hoc basis.

Safeguarding

All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check prior to starting their role as a Watch volunteer. The role will be subject to the completion of the DBS check.