

Are you passionate about the River Ebble?

Would you like to become part of a team of wardens looking after this beautiful chalk stream?

As part of our 'Crystal Clear Ebble' project we are looking for volunteers to become River Wardens to act as stewards of the river, encouraging continued commitment from local landowners and our local communities to the quality of the river.



Role Description

The Crystal Clear Ebble project is training local community members and land managers in basic environmental survey techniques to gather information on the health and wildlife of the river, helping us identify and inform any actions required to protect and enhance the river for the future. By training locals on the ground we hope to implement a long term monitoring programme and secure a future legacy for the project. This role will have the opportunity to help improve our understanding of the River Ebble which will positively impact the health of the river and associated flora and fauna.

Volunteer River Wardens will work with the Chase and Chalke LPS Team (part of Cranborne Chase AONB), Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) and Wessex Rivers Trust (WRT) to lead the band of volunteers trained through the Crystal Clear Ebble project. These River Wardens will liaise with volunteers, project partners and landowners to coordinate the delivery of a scheduled programme of surveys to be undertaken by dedicated and trained volunteers.

Volunteer Responsibilities

With the support of the Chase & Chalke LPS, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) and Wessex Rivers Trust (WRT), volunteers will:

- Work with the project partners to help coordinate the delivery of the programme of work by trained volunteers.
- Act as the main point of contact for existing volunteers engaged with the project.
- Liaise with project partners on survey work and feedback volunteer hours on a quarterly basis.
- Liaise with the local flood wardens on the Ebble to help maintain a joined-up approach.
- Be a champion for the river Ebble, engaging communities where possible.



Volunteer River Warden

Essential Information	
Minimum Age	All ages are welcome.
Personal Attributes	This opportunity would suit individuals with an interest in and passion for the River Ebble. A good communicator (email, telephone and in-person), highly organised, good attention to detail and good record keeping will be essential. Volunteers will be motivated to work to protect and enhance the Ebble over the coming years.
Location of the Role	Along the River Ebble at different locations.
Driving Licence Required	Yes, own transport preferable, but can use public transport. Some tasks can be carried out from home independently.
Single/Shared Role	This is an individual role but elements will be shared across the Volunteer River Warden Team.
Project Start & End Date	Starting in the autumn of 2021 Volunteer River Wardens will take on a long term role in securing the long term health of the river.
Time/Days Required	Flexible. Training will be co-ordinated by the Project Team but volunteers will be able to fulfil most duties in their own time.
Training & Support	Free induction and training will be provided, with on-going support.
Dress Code	Appropriate for the tasks being carried out and local conditions.
Expenses	Travel expenses (fuel at 45p per mile, or public transport) will be paid – fuel receipts or transport ticket will be required.
Benefits to Volunteer	This is an opportunity to have a real impact in your local community and environment, whilst learning more about freshwater ecology and environmental health. This is a role with room to grow. We'll support you with training and advice to help you develop your skills and interests. You could potentially become involved with organising local celebration and awareness events, running guided walks and community litter picks, developing interpretation or monitoring species. Crystal Clear Ebble River Wardens will also be part of a bigger picture and the wider volunteer opportunities at WWT, WRT and the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership working to assess and improve river condition, improve habitats for wildlife and create more natural solutions for the environment.

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