

Do you enjoy being out and about in Cranborne Chase? Are you interested in gaining new skills in practical conservation? Why not join our team of Practical Conservation volunteers?

We are looking for enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers to undertake rewarding practical conservation tasks across the Chase & Chalke LPS area.

No previous experience is necessary, just a desire and ability to get outdoors and get stuck in!



## Role Description

Join us on regular outdoor, practical conservation activities across many of our projects, including the Crystal Clear Ebble (now complete, but still invasives to remove), Nurturing Nature, Wonderful Woodlands, Greater Grazing, Champions of the Past and Ancient Ways projects.

You will be part of a team of enthusiastic volunteers working together with the Chase & Chalke LPS team and our partners including Wessex Rivers Trust, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, Hampshire County Council and Wiltshire Council. Our volunteers will be working to clear vegetation from Scheduled Ancient Monuments, helping us improve Rights of Way by cutting back overgrown vegetation, removing invasive species from habitats, restoring and enhancing hedgerows and woodlands through hedge-laying and coppicing, and learning to use billhooks, pruning saws, bowsaws, loppers and other equipment.

You will be able to assist the Chase and Chalke Team to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape by assisting with practical countryside management and learning habitat management techniques and how to ID species along the way.

## Volunteer Responsibilities

With the support of the Chase & Chalke LPS team and our partners, volunteers will:

- Take part in training events to enable volunteers to work effectively
- Take part in tools and safety talks and abide by the necessary health and safety guidance to ensure a safe and successful conservation task day
- Work safely in the team, being aware of and respecting fellow volunteers
- Help foster good working relationships with tenants, neighbours, local communities and other organisations
- Adhere to the Wiltshire Council's Health and Safety Policy at all times

# Practical Conservation Volunteer

Essential Information	
<b>Minimum Age</b>	All ages are welcome, depending on the task in hand.
<b>Personal Attributes</b>	This opportunity would suit individuals with an interest in working outdoors on practical tasks, with an interest in nature, wildlife and/or heritage and a desire to work as part of team to complete tasks. Volunteers should be relatively physically fit to work outside all day but can work at a pace that suits them. Volunteers will also need to bring a packed lunch and drinks.
<b>Location of the Role</b>	Across the Chase & Chalke LPS at different locations, in a variety of different habitats.
<b>Driving Licence Required</b>	Yes, own transport preferable, but can use public transport where feasible. For some events we will be operating a minibus to collect and drop off volunteers.
<b>Single/Shared Role</b>	In general, all tasks will be shared between a number of volunteers and work will be undertaken in teams led by a Project Officer.
<b>Project Start &amp; End Date</b>	Tasks will be undertaken throughout the year until June 2025.
<b>Time/Days Required</b>	Flexible. Training will be coordinated by the Project Team and volunteers will be able to sign up for as many training and activity days as they are able to do. Sign up for tasks is via booking system on Better Impact. Generally we will be setting up whole day or half-day sessions.
<b>Training &amp; Support</b>	Free induction and training will be provided, with on-going support.
<b>Dress Code</b>	Appropriate for the tasks being carried out and local conditions. Suitable clothing is essential for this role. Old gardening clothes, waterproofs and wellies or sturdy boots must be worn. Some tasks may require specialist clothing which will be provided. Tools, gloves, safety goggles will be provided.
<b>Expenses</b>	Travel expenses (fuel at 45p per mile, or public transport) will be paid – fuel receipts or transport ticket will be required.
<b>Benefits to Volunteer</b>	<p>This is an opportunity to have a really positive impact in your local community and environment, while learning more about practical conservation tasks and skills. There will be opportunities to gain new skills and learn to use equipment in a safe and responsible manner. This is also a role with room to grow depending on what you are interested. We will be working on some of the most special places around delivering conservation work, ecological surveys and monitoring.</p> <p>Some tasks can be physically demanding which can be a benefit to our physical and mental wellbeing.</p>
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