**Conservation Volunteer**

Title of post: Practical Conservation volunteer – Erewash Valley

Responsible to: DWT Living Landscapes Officer

Location: primarily Woodside Farm Nature Reserve near Ilkeston and other Erewash Valley nature reserves by arrangement.

Volunteering hours: Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm

**General Information**

Volunteers are key to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust’s on-site nature reserve management. As a charity we have minimal staff and in the Erewash Valley we manage for five nature reserves ranging from our large wetland site Erewash Meadows which stretches from Jacksdale to Aldercar, ancient woodland at Mapperley Wood and our 80Ha farm site which we manage with native breed cattle and sheep.

**Why volunteer?**

Getting involved in practical conservation work is a great way to understand how and why land is managed effectively for wildlife and can be a vital stepping stone to gaining paid work in the environmental sector.

**Skills Required**

* A willingness to work outdoors and learn something new
* Enthusiasm is essential!
* Able to work effectively on own initiative and as a member of a team
* Personable and sociable
* Commitment to the work of the Trust

**Training and support**

* We provide all tools and equipment and training to use them
* We can offer support for out of pocket expenses and external training courses
* You need to be dressed for outdoor practical work and bring a packed lunch