



**Derbyshire**  
Wildlife Trust

## **Role Title: Volunteer Livestock Warden**

### **Role Description:**

The welfare of our livestock is of paramount importance to us, and we are looking for committed volunteers to help us with the daily checking of the animals, to ensure that they are healthy and well-cared for.

We will be putting together a rota of livestock wardens, so some form of regular commitment is required, however this can be flexible to fit with your circumstances. You will need to attend an initial training session with a member of the Wildlife Trust staff. A certain degree of physical fitness is needed to access some of the reserves with grazing livestock – if you have concerns or questions, please contact us to discuss these further.

**Title of Post:** Volunteer livestock Warden (multiple areas)

**Responsible to:** DWT Living Landscapes Officers and Grazing For Nature Officers

### **Locations and Days:**

NE Derbyshire & Chesterfield	White Peak
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**Volunteering Commitment:** One day per week (hours are flexible)

### **General Information:**

Sheep and cattle grazing is essential for the grassland management at our nature reserves and the wildlife that depend on it. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have a range of our own livestock which are used to graze grassland nature reserves in order to increase the wildflowers and reduce the amount of scrub, and therefore improve the habitats for a wide range of species.

### **Skills / Experience (if any)**

Previous experience of livestock (sheep and cattle) would be ideal but is not essential as full training will be provided. Volunteer stock checkers need to be willing to make a regular commitment, and to take responsibility for monitoring the livestock's health and welfare, but Derbyshire Wildlife Trust staff will always be available to provide advice and support in case of emergency.

### **Benefits to you**

The opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in conservation, in particular conservation grazing and livestock management, as well specific training provided by Wildlife Trust staff. It also provides the chance to regularly visit some of the best wildlife habitats in the county, and to be involved in their maintenance and improvement.