



Role Title: Volunteer Livestock Warden

Role Description:

We are looking for a Team of volunteers to assist DWT staff with looking after the livestock (Ponys and cattle) in the Trent Valley. The main purpose of the role is to help us with the daily checking of the animals, including a head count, checking health of animals, water access and fencing. Full training will be provided and DWT staff will also be checking the livestock at least once a week. There may be extra opportunities to assist with other jobs from time to time including loading and unloading into trailers, handling for tb tests etc but only if you want to.

We will be putting together a rota of livestock wardens, so some form of regular commitment is required (usually 1 day a week), 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 Trent Valey

Responsible to: DWT Wilder Grazing Officer and Living Landscape Officer.

Locations and Days:

Trent Valey	1 day a week.
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Volunteering Commitment: One day per week (hours are flexible)

General Information:

Cattle and pony grazing is essential for the management of our nature reserves and the wildlife that depend on it. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have a range of our own livestock which are used as a more natural way to control the amount of scrub and increase the range of habitats available to species.

Often Livestock Wardens communicate with the rest of the team using WhatsApp, including posting photos of the stock and any relevant information.

Skills / Experience (if any)

Previous experience of livestock (ponys 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. We offer travel expenses and can provide any personal protective equipment (PPE) required (wellies, gloves, rain coats etc)