



Volunteer Role Description

About the Lancashire Wildlife Trust

We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you.

The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage.

Wildlife Watch Helper

What is a Volunteer Watch Group Helper?

Wildlife Watch is the children's branch of the Wildlife Trusts. Through monthly meetings Watch groups engage children aged 8-13, nurturing their interest in wildlife and the environment by creating learning opportunities and encouraging participation. Children are given the opportunity to discover local wildlife and get stuck into practical activities which could include anything from environmental artwork and waste recycling, to barn owl surveys, pond dipping and wildflower fun days. Watch Group Helpers support the Group Leaders with the running of the meetings

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Satisfaction from seeing children enjoy learning about wildlife and their environment
- Gaining experience of working with children

What's involved?

- Supporting the WATCH Group Leader in running WATCH group meetings.
- Participating in the group's programme of activities.
- Helping to run safe and enjoyable meetings.
- Becoming familiar with and then always following the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety and Safeguarding procedures at all times.
- Helping to recruit children to the group.
- Promoting family membership.
- Liaise regularly with the WATCH Group Leaders and the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

This role will suit people who;

- Have experience of, or would like to gain experience of, working with children.
- Can motivate and inspire others to learn more about their local natural environment.
- Have good communication skills.
- Enjoy working as part of a team.
- Are enthusiastic and want to engage children with the natural environment.
- Are creative and are able to help develop session ideas and activities.
- Have a friendly and patient nature and can make learning fun.
- Are happy to be outdoors in all weathers.

Extra information

Your place:	Watch Group meeting place
Time commitment:	Meetings are usually held monthly and last approximately two hours. Meetings to plan programmes and sessions are organised by most of the groups.
Volunteer Manager:	Volunteer Co-ordinator Catherine Haddon chaddon@lancswt.org.uk 01772 318374
Training/Resources:	LWT Volunteer Induction Safeguarding Training (mandatory) Health and Safety training Access to volunteer learning opportunities Eligible to apply for internal vacancies following induction
Expenses:	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £8 per day, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance
Requirements:	In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask you to provide two references. A DBS check is necessary for this role which is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 because it involves working with children and young people.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.