



Volunteer Role: Cambourne Work Party Volunteer

Support Person	Communities and Wildlife Officer Rebecca Neal Backed up by East Cambs Reserves Team
Role Purpose	The purpose of the role of a Cambourne work party volunteer is to work as part of a team to tackle practical tasks around the reserve.
Specific Tasks	The tasks are a mix of activities relating to ensuring visitors enjoy the reserve safely and helping wildlife. They will vary from session to session but might include things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath maintenance • Removing tree guards • Pruning fruit trees • Cutting back vegetation using loppers, secateurs or saws to keep paths open • Litter picking • Removing graffiti from signs • Updating notice boards • Submitting wildlife records
Skills and Qualities Needed	Volunteers will come from a wide range of backgrounds and will have many different qualities and skills. Essential skills and qualities for this role are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With training, comfortable handling tools such as secateurs and loppers safely • Able to walk to get to task sites (Cambourne Nature Reserve is spread out and so tasks will involve walking) • Able to work as part of a team
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are aiming to build up a team of regular volunteers who can commit to at least one morning a month. This may change as the group becomes established, and sessions may get longer, or happen at different times. • It is also possible for volunteers to attend one-off sessions. • Volunteers will need to sign up in advance to say they are attending and will not be able to just turn up on the day. • All volunteers will be asked to fill out a volunteer form
Support and Training	Volunteers will be given regular guidance and support to undertake tasks, and tools will be explained thoroughly before use. Volunteers will be given the chance to chat with staff to discuss other relevant support or training that might be needed
Expectations of WTBCN Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to abide by the Wildlife Trust BCN's Policies and Procedures • Willingness to use support systems • Co-operation with administrative tasks e.g. filling in volunteer form, and signing to say a risk assessment has been delivered • Commitment to attend on-going training if needed • Willingness to undertake tasks in a safe way as directed by the group leader
Location of volunteering	Meeting at The Wildlife Trust BCN Headquarters, The Manor House, Cambourne Broad Street, Great Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6DH Activities will be in various locations across the reserve.