



Volunteer Role Skills Assessment

Title of Volunteer Role	Wildlife Tour Leader
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Purpose of role – What will they be doing the majority of the time?	<p>To lead a group of visitors to the Kingfisher riverside amenity in a tour of the wildlife on and around the river and the church. Disabled groups will have access to the Riverside Platform. You will observe and explain the birds, plants and wildlife on the riverside path, and in the church grounds. You will direct visitors to the amenities and refreshments, and help them enjoy the whole area. There will be an area in the CMC to record sightings of special interest on each visit. A member of the church Kingfisher team will support you. Each group will have been booked in and correct supervision arrangements made.</p>
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Key Tasks What I want this person to do	Key Skills What I need them to have on day one	Resources / Training What I need to provide for them
Welcome visitor groups to the riverside project.	Warm and welcoming personality	
Talk about the local and natural history of the Stour riverside and Canford church.	Interest in ecology and natural and local history. Sympathy with Christian church values.	RSPB training on the river Local training on the church and school history.
Check the visiting group complies with the booking and supervision arrangements alongside a member of the church's team,	Understanding of supervision ratios and working with children and vulnerable adults	Safeguarding training
Lead a wildlife talk to a disabled group on the riverside platform	Understanding and compassion for disability alongside interest in wildlife.	Disability awareness training. RSPB wildlife training
Lead the able visiting groups around the area, including The Stour Valley Way	Interest in birds, plants and other wildlife. Confidence to talk, explain and answer questions	RSPB training on riverside birds, plants and wildlife. Continued learning as a group to expand knowledge of wildlife.



Direct visitors to toilet and refreshment facilities, and other trails within the site, e.g. Church Trail	Patience and understanding	Knowledge of the site and available options
Clear up after a visit; may include litter and equipment, and reporting any problems with the site to the administrator.	Able to work with church team member to keep the site clean and tidy	
Report and if possible dismiss any visitors or others causing damage to the site	Conflict management skills	Training if needed
Report any interesting wildlife sightings on the CMC board or book.		

Volunteer Role Template

Role Title:	Wildlife Tour Leader
Where:	Canford Magna, Dorset
When:	Dates when available, Friday afternoon, Sunday afternoon
Commitment:	2 hours every 2-3 weeks in April through September, and infrequently in October through March
Why We Want You:	<p>We want you and others to enjoy and learn about the River Stour and wildlife in our beautiful area. We want you to use your natural interest and enthusiasm to benefit everyone. RSPB are keen to support this project and for the group to eventually support itself as we learn and develop a community of birders and wildlife enthusiasts.</p> <p>We are keen for this to be a community project involving people from Poole, Wimborne and Bournemouth.</p>
What's In It For You:	<p>You will learn from RSPB, and be able to use those skills elsewhere along the river and around Dorset. You will not be tied to this site!</p> <p>We hope a community will build over time with the ecology and wildlife conservation at its heart, and you will enjoy being part of that.</p> <p>We also hope that interested disabled groups will use the site several times a year, and with art groups and photographers involved, the whole project will be varied and exciting.</p>
The Skills / Talents You'll Need:	<p>You will need the ability to learn and work in the team. You should be welcoming and able to talk about things you know. You should have some understanding of disability and be willing to learn about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. You need to be aware of supervision and safety at all times. You should be patient and compassionate with visitors and colleagues.</p> <p>We need you to be interested in birding, wildlife and conservation. You will need to use binoculars, and be able to describe what you see. You should be able to identify common birdsong with training.</p> <p>You need to be organised to arrive for your session on time and leave after helping to clear up and report on the day's events. Although not anticipated, you may need to deal with conflict and ask people to leave if they are not respecting the site.</p>
Notes:	<p>You should be able to sympathise with Christian church values.</p> <p>If you have a sensory disability, please still apply.</p>
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