



Role Title: 'Wildlife on the Move' Volunteer Guide Hobbs of Henley Boats / Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway

Do you enjoy talking about the natural world, working with the public and like the idea of viewing the countryside from a boat or a vintage train?

Role description

Share your enthusiasm for nature with families and tourists on Thames cruisers at Henley on Thames and vintage trains at Chinnor. Support the Chilterns Conservation Board's 'Wildlife on the Move' initiative by becoming a volunteer guide, interpreting the countryside and wildlife seen on public trips on these two modes of transport.

What do Wildlife on the Move Guides do?

- Help the public spot and identify wildlife seen from boats and trains on specially promoted trips
- Point out and discuss other features of historic and geographic interest along the routes
- Help passengers understand the wider countryside of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Help to promote the work of the Chilterns Conservation Board
- Have the opportunity to help at other events across the Chilterns, representing the Chilterns Conservation Board

What can I gain from working as a Volunteer Guide?

- Enjoy getting out and about in the Chilterns countryside
- Learn about the wildlife of the River Thames and the Chilterns countryside
- Share your enthusiasm for wildlife and the natural and historic environment of the Chilterns
- Learn about the history of the Thames and the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway
- Gain experience in public speaking and wildlife interpretation
- Have fun working with visitors to popular Chiltern tourist attractions

Do I have the skills to be a Volunteer Guide?

- It's an excellent opportunity if you want to gain experience in conservation, working with the public or running events and if you want to learn more about wildlife and the natural and historic environment of the Chilterns.
- If you are already an experienced naturalist and enjoy public speaking, this is a great way to share your skills and knowledge and enthuse local people and visitors to the area.

We can give you training depending on your skills and experience and what you would like to gain from volunteering.

When will I be needed to work as a Volunteer Guide?

This opportunity is flexible – dates for 'Wildlife on the Move' trips are suggested each October / November for the following spring / summer and volunteers are sent a list of suggested dates and can then sign up for the ones when they are available. We aim to finalise the programme by February, though later offers of help can often be accommodated. You choose when and how much time you would like to volunteer with us.

Hobbs of Henley Thames cruises tend to take place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 3pm, between April and August, on approximately 8 – 10 dates per year. Each cruise lasts for 75 minutes and we like to have two volunteers for each trip.

Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway trips tend to take place on Saturdays between April and August on 3 or 4 days per year. There are four trips per day (at 10.30am, noon, 1.30pm and 3pm). We like to have two volunteers for each trip and prefer each pair of volunteers to cover two trips in a day (i.e. the two morning trips or the two afternoon trips).

Notes

- You will be a Chilterns Conservation Board volunteer and would be covered by our Public Liability Insurance whilst undertaking any volunteer work on our behalf.
- Branding: We will provide you with a Chilterns Conservation Board name badge.
- Health & Safety on boats / trains: For passengers on the boats / trains, Health and Safety is the responsibility of the transport provider.
- Travel expenses: You can claim back any travel or out-of-pocket expenses for volunteering.

For more information, contact Cathy Rose, Activities and Learning Officer
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