



AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

**Directory of volunteering
opportunities with environmental
organisations in or near the
Chilterns Area of
Outstanding Natural Beauty**

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Chilterns Conservation Board

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but please check details with individual organisations
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Archaeology in Marlow

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Website	www.archaeologyinmarlow.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Archaeological investigations are conducted on our Little Marlow site including excavations, recording, surveying, research etc.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Generally on Sunday mornings, every fortnight
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Marlow, Little Marlow and surrounding parishes
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Yes
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	Over 16 and under 77 years old
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	February 2016

Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (Buckinghamshire Office)

Contact name	Paul Simmons
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Telephone	01442 826774
E-mail	collegelake@bbowt.org.uk
Website	www.bbowt.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical work on nature reserves, guide and warden roles, livestock lookers. Education and events volunteers Visitor centre – meet and greet and café volunteers.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Practical work parties across Bucks various days. Education and events – various days Visitor centre roles 7 days a week. See website for details.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	College Lake Nature Reserve and numerous other reserves around Buckinghamshire.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Yes – we run various training courses throughout the year which are free to our volunteers as well as on the job training as required.
Skills required	None – an interest in wildlife is an advantage, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills.
Age limits to volunteers?	Work parties are generally either 18+ or 16+, but we do have a monthly 14-18 year old work party.
Are volunteers insured	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Booker Common & Woods Protection Society

Contact name	Brian Tranter (Chair)
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Telephone	01494 449035
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Website	www.bcwps.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Replacing bollards; clearing scrub; maintaining paths; clearing litter.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	As required published by email to contacts list
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Various places on and around Booker Common
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	No but experienced members are always present to guide new volunteers
Skills required	None. Majority of work involves use of hand tools only. Brush cutters are used on occasion but only by volunteers who have been trained
Age limits to volunteers?	None. Children must be supervised
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

The Box Moor Trust

Contact name	Caroline Evans
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Website	www.boxmoortrust.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	We are just outside the Chilterns but have conservation and education roles.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Conservation- Tuesdays Education / Outreach- Mon-Sat
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	The Box Moor Trust Estate, Hemel Hempstead
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	Basic task training is given at each session and specialist training is offered when available.
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers	None
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum

Contact name	Jonathan Clark
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Telephone	01296 387695
E-mail	jclark@buckscc.gov.uk
Website	http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/rights-of-way/future-of-rights-of-way/local-access-forum/
Types of volunteering opportunities available	The 'Restoring the Record' project aims to research unrecorded rights of way from the historical record in time for the 2026 cut-off date for new applications on the basis of documentary evidence. We are also seeking members of the Forum, particularly from the farming and landowning community and from young people with an interest in access to the countryside.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	There are no restrictions.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	The project involves independent, home-based working, which would also require researching evidence at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury, at the volunteer's convenience. The project asks volunteers to choose a study area of a parish or cluster of parishes to study.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Is training offered to volunteers?	Not at present, but possibly in 2017
Skills required	The project would suit someone with an interest in public rights of way and access to the countryside. Some knowledge or familiarity with historic maps would be an advantage, but not essential. It may suit, for example, a member of a local history society.
Age limits to volunteers	None
Are volunteers insured?	No
Date information supplied	June 2016

Butterfly Conservation Hertfordshire & Middlesex Branch

Contact name	Malcolm Hull
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E-mail	malcolmhull@ntlworld.com
Website	www.hertsmiddx-butterflies.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities offered	Butterfly Conservation own a Nature Reserve called Millhoppers Pasture near Wilstone, Tring. We run a support group which undertakes a range of tasks to support the reserve including scrub clearance and grass cutting. Other support roles come up from time to time
When volunteering opportunities are offered	No regular times. Conservation tasks may take place at any time of year and are organised as required.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Millhoppers Pasture is on Watery Lane, Wilstone, Tring OS Grid reference is SP900148. Parking is available at Wilstone village hall
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	No formal training is offered, although there will be an introductory session at the start of each task.
Skills required	No
Age limits to volunteers	No
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	April 2016

Canal & Rivers Trust

Contact name	Miriam Linforth, Volunteer Coordinator
Address	Station House 500 Elder Gate Milton Keynes MK9 1BB
Telephone	07775 543990
E-mail	Miriam.Linforth@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Website	www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteering
Types of volunteering opportunities available	A variety of opportunities including: Lock keeping, lock painting, vegetation clearance, litter picking, maintenance of historic properties, towpath upkeep and 'Towpath Taskforce' multi-activity initiatives
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Year-round, any day of the week (according to the nature of the tasks)
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	The South-East Waterway region covers the following areas: Grand Union Canal between Watford and Leicester, (including Aylesbury, Wendover, Northampton & Welford Arms), plus the Oxford Canal in its entirety.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Within reasonable limits for travel costs.
Training offered to volunteers	Training and assessments are offered to regular volunteers who are members of an active Waterway Partnership group.
Skills required	Low-level maintenance tasks require no particular technical expertise. Flexibility, a willing attitude and teamwork skills are always advantageous
Age limits to volunteers	18 and above.
Are volunteers insured?	Yes (so long as they do not undertake extra tasks which have not been planned or risk assessed).
Date information supplied	February 2016

Chesham & District Natural History Society

Contact name	Trevor Brawn
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Website	www.bucksvoice.net/cdnhs
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Species surveying and habitat management in the Chesham area, with links with other environmental management groups to provide a diversity of opportunities
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Most species monitoring and habitat management takes place at the weekends, usually the third weekend of the month. The active management is usually on a Sunday morning from 10am to 12pm
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	The meeting point is varies on a monthly basis and is identified at our meetings and on the website of our partners Chesham Environmental Group.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	We cannot offer travelling expenses to volunteers for any of our events.
Is training offered to volunteers?	We offer informal training on species identification and habitat management
Skills required	We only use hand tools for habitat management and will provide guidance on the safe use of the tools available. Some aspects of our habitat management is physically demanding, but we offer a variety of opportunities at each event to provide something for all abilities.
Do you have any age limits to volunteers?	The species identification and habitat management can include well behaved youngsters of any age providing they are supervised closely by a responsible adult.
Will volunteers be insured whilst working with you?	We cannot offer insurance for our species surveying but our partners Chesham Environmental Group do have insurance to cover the volunteers who are actively involved in habitat management.
Date information supplied	April 2016

Chesham Environmental Group

Contact name	Phil Folly
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E-mail	Follypostman@aol.com
Website	www.cheshamenvironmentalgroup.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Chesham litter picking, River Chess clearance, general tidy up around town.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	First Wednesday of the month 10.00 -12.00 and third Sunday of the month 10.00 -12.00
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Around Chesham
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Is training offered to volunteers?	No
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	None
Are volunteers insured?	Public liability and personal accident
Date information supplied	March 2016

<h2>Chiltern Rangers</h2>	
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Website	www.chilternrangers.co.uk Twitter: @chilternrangers Facebook: Chiltern Rangers CIC
Types of volunteering opportunities available	We have a range of admin and practical opportunities for groups and individuals as well as work experience placements, volunteer wardens and more. Watch website for details of events.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Two main weekly conservation volunteer groups both 10am-1pm. All welcome. Green Mondays - Chesham & Amersham area. Meet Chesham Town Council Car Park, Catlings Rd. Green Thursdays – meet Wycombe Rye Lido Car Park, High Wycombe.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Throughout the Chilterns area especially around High Wycombe and South Bucks.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Yes, depending on the role. We provide free transport to and from site in our minibus on Green Monday & Green Thursdays.
Training offered to volunteers?	Yes, depending on the role and the individual. Practical - anything from Field ID short courses to NPTC skills and more.
Skills required	Enthusiasm for woodlands, the environment and wildlife and a sense of humour! We work with a wide range of community groups and people with a wide range of abilities so communication skills and a positive, inclusive attitude are key.
Do you have any age limits to volunteers?	U16 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. There is no upper age limit
Are volunteers insured?	Yes, we carry £10million PL insurance.
Date information supplied	February 2016

The Chiltern Society

Contact name	Geoff Wiggett
Address	White Hill Centre White Hill Chesham HP5 1AG
Telephone	01442 875906
E-mail	geoffreywiggett@btinternet.com
Website	www.chilternsociety.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	A huge number of roles with our many interest groups including path monitoring, conservation work, photographic, planning, historic buildings and landscapes, cycling and walking
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Most days of the week depending on the groups' activities
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Throughout the Chilterns
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers?	Yes
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers	None
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Contact name	George Hunt
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E-mail	volunteering@coam.org.uk
Website	www.coam.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Various including: Historic Building Steward, Ticket Office & Shop, Education, Artefact conservation, Buildings & Maintenance, Site & Farm
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Year-round, days vary according to tasks
Where volunteering opportunities are offered?	Chiltern Open Air Museum
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Full induction and tour of Museum, as well as Health and Safety and equipment training.
Skills required	No
Age limits to volunteers	People under 18 should enquire about the Young Volunteers Club (usually second Saturday of the month)
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Coleshill Common Management Committee

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E-mail	c.wege@btinternet.com
Website	
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical conservation work
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Various days of week. Usually 10am
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Coleshill Common
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	On the job instruction as necessary
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	Under 12s with parents only
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information provided	February 2016

Forestry Commission

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Website	www.forestry.gov.uk/england-volunteering	
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical conservation tasks, working alongside FC staff and Chiltern Society members	Weekend volunteering, information assistants, car park marshalling, general site duties (e.g. litter picking)
When volunteering opportunities are offered	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of the month. 10am – 1pm	Summer weekends, school holidays. Time commitment flexible
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Wendover Woods and surrounding FC woodlands	Wendover Woods
Are travelling expenses paid to volunteers?	No	No
Training offered to volunteers	Safe and proper tool use provided	Training provided
Skills required	Reasonable level of physical fitness	Willingness to converse with members of the public
Age limits to volunteers?	16+	16+
Are volunteers insured?	Yes, through Chiltern Society	Yes, through FC
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Friends of Naphill Common

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E-mail	pj-davis@hotmail.co.uk
Website	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Clearing scrub; maintaining paths; putting up notices and way-marks; clearing ponds; historical research
When volunteering opportunities are available	Mostly weekends. Usually Sunday morning. Irregular – published on website
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Naphill Common. Specific meeting places vary for each work party
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Experienced people always present. We hope to eventually be able to offer training
Skills required	Use of hand tools for clearing scrub. Historical research skill would be useful for research projects
Age limits to volunteers	No, but children must be supervised by an adult
Are volunteers insured?	Yes, for practical tasks
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Friends of Priestfield Arboretum

Contact name	Coralie Ramsey, Hon.Curator
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Telephone	07887 730 200
E-mail	curator@priestfieldarboretum.org.uk
Website	www.priestfieldarboretum.org.uk
Types of volunteering available	Light maintenance of the grounds of a 5 acre privately owned arboretum with a small team of other volunteers. Work guided by the Hon. Curator.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Third Sunday of every month. 10am to 12pm
Where volunteering opportunities are offered?	On site at Priestfield Arboretum, Stony Lane, Little Kingshill, HP16 ODS
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Onsite training as required to maintain the Arboretum
Skills required	Able to traverse slightly uneven ground on a slope, carry and operate garden type tools.
Age limits to volunteers	None
Are volunteers insured?	No
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Friends of Studham Common

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E-mail	eptearle@btinternet.com
Website	www.foscomm.org
Types of volunteering available	Practical conservation work, wildlife surveys, dormouse monitoring, historical research
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Practical conservation work maintaining Studham common, including hedge laying and occasional botanical and wildlife surveys. Every 3 rd Saturday of the month (some exceptions, check website). Hazel Dormouse monitoring monthly May to October Historical Research, throughout the year
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Studham Common
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No, but lunch is provided for the work parties
Training offered to volunteers	Brush-cutter and first aid training offered to regular attendees. Dormouse monitors could train as licenced handlers.
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	None, although work not always suitable for children when power tools and cutting gear used.
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
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Groundwork Luton & Bedfordshire

Contact name	
Address	Stockwood Park Luton Beds LU1 4BH
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E-mail	lutonandbedfordshire@groundwork.org.uk
Website	www.groundwork.org.uk/lutonandbedfordshire
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Various short and long term, including admin / office based; education; event support; youth; practical
When volunteering opportunities are offered	No regular opportunities – depends on projects, events etc
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Almost all based at office. For off-site work, transport is provided from the office to site
Are travelling expenses paid to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	Yes, if required to fulfil the role
Skills required	Depends on the specific volunteer opportunity
Age limits to volunteers?	No
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
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The Groundwork South Trust Ltd

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E-mail	Jamie.murray@groundwork.org.uk
Website	www.groundwork.org.uk/south
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Ranges from practical conservation work to office / admin duties (see website for more information)
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Week days and weekends
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Denham, Iver, West Drayton
Are travelling expenses paid to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	On the job training with an allocated mentor
Skills required	Specific skills vary according to role and are outlined in task descriptions on website
Age limits to volunteers?	Minimum age 16 years
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information provided	April 2016

Hertfordshire Countryside Management Service

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Telephone	01992 588433
E-mail	Northeast.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Website	
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical conservation/access improvements, leading health walks, leading guided walks, monitoring the condition of promoted routes, admin (based in Hertford). See website for role descriptions
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Various times depending on role, including weekdays and weekends
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Across Hertfordshire
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Agreed travel to and from training days can be claimed if volunteers are using public transport or their own vehicle.
Training offered to volunteers	Yes
Skills required	Generally no, although depends on role
Age limits to volunteers	Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Hilltop Commons Conservation Group (Hawridge and Cholesbury Commons Preservation Society)

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E-mail	volunteer@hawridgeandcholesburycommons.org
Website	www.hawridgeandcholesburycommons.org
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Heathland regeneration; hazel coppice restoration; scrub clearance; pond maintenance; tractor driving to keep paths and rides open and bracken control; felling and cross-cutting small trees with chainsaw; bonfires; species surveying; owl box monitoring; photography
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Alternate Sundays from September to April and various other times to suit volunteers for some activities
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Hawridge and Cholesbury Commons
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No, but refreshments are provided including Lindsay's legendary fruit cake
Is training offered to volunteers?	Training to use hand tools safely and properly given as required. Other training may be available to regular volunteers, e.g. chainsaw, risk assessment, etc.
Skills required	Reasonable level of physical fitness
Age limits to volunteers?	Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent
Are volunteers insured?	Yes for public liability and 3rd party; very limited personal accident
Date information supplied	March 2016

Misbourne River Action

Contact name	Bob Older
Address	2 Woodside Close, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 9TA
Telephone	01753 885131, 0781 651 4868
E-mail	Bob.older@me.com
Website	www.misbournriveraction.org
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Office tasks include: website management; preparation of method statements for potential river lining project Lottery Application; operating a telephone tree for members without e-mail access. Practical tasks include: flow measuring; invertebrate studies; river corridor maintenance; large scale weeding Support on stand at local shows
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Work groups approx.. every 5 weeks on either a Sunday or Saturday (generally morning)
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	On River Misbourne between Amersham and Chalfont St Peter
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	As required – e.g. for flow measurements and invertebrate studies
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers	Under 16's must be accompanied by a parent
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
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National Trails

Contact name	Sara Piggott
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Telephone	01865 810 211
E-mail	ntvolunteers@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Website	www.nationaltrails.co.uk/ridgeway
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical conservation work on the Ridgeway and Thames Path
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Tuesday – Friday 10.30am to 3.30pm
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Ridgeway and Thames Path
Are travelling expenses paid to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	Yes
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	Over 18s only
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information provided	February 2016

National Trust – Bedfordshire

Contact name	Anthony Lambert or Holly Ramsden
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Telephone	01582 873663
E-mail	Anthony.lambert@nationaltrust.org.uk holly.ramsden@nationaltrust.org.uk
Website	www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstable-downs-and-whipsnade-estate
Types of volunteering opportunities available	<p>Countryside management: working as part of a team to manage our land in Bedfordshire</p> <p>Litter picking: an opportunity for individuals to help keep our countryside clean and tidy</p> <p>Volunteer Ranger: working with our Rangers at weekends on a variety of jobs and assisting at events</p>
When volunteering opportunities are offered	<p style="text-align: center;">Countryside Management Volunteer Every Monday 9am to 4pm, Tuesday 10am to 3pm, Wednesday 10am to 3pm & Thursday 10am to 3pm Second Sunday 10am to 3pm each month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Litter Picking Volunteer: times to suit volunteer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Volunteer Ranger: Saturday or Sunday 8:30am to 4pm</p>
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Dunstable and Whipsnade Downs, Whipsnade Heath, Whipsnade Tree Cathedral, Totterhoe Knolls, Sharpenhoe Clappers, Sundon Hills Country Park
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	Yes, we'll provide training as required
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers	None
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	November 2017 (updated)

Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society

Contact name	Mike Morley
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Telephone	01494 816638
E-mail	mike.morley4@btinternet.com
Website	www.pennandtylersgreen.org.uk
What types of volunteering opportunities are available?	Practical woodland maintenance e.g. clearing woodland scrub; maintaining condition of woodland and woodland paths; erecting notices; researching history of woodland; surveying wildlife; monitoring dormice
When volunteering opportunities are offered	First weekend of winter months outside of breeding season. Otherwise <i>ad hoc</i>
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Common Wood and Millar Wood, Penn
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training to volunteers? (Please state)	No
Skills required	Those with chainsaw or brush-cutter expertise are most welcome
Age limits to volunteers?	None, although those under 16 should be accompanied by an adult
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Prestwood Nature

Contact name	Vanessa Rickett
Address	Fairholme, Perks Lane Prestwood HP16 0JQ
Telephone	01494 866516
E-mail	Membership@prestwoodnature.org.uk
Website	www.prestwoodnature.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Carrying out surveys of hedgerows, trees, orchards, ponds. Revitalising woodlands. Counting butterflies, glow worms and other species Maintenance of orchard and wildlife garden, creating and managing wild life meadows and ponds.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Usually weekends but also some opportunities during week for surveying particularly.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Within a 3 mile radius of centre of Prestwood
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers?	Safe use of equipment and species recognition.
Skills required	Willingness to spend time in the outdoors in all weathers!
Age limits to volunteers?	Under 16 need to be supervised by adult.
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	February 2016

Revive the Wye

Contact name	c/o Chiltern Rangers
Address	Kingsmead Depot 60 Fennels Road High Wycombe Bucks HP11 1SL
Telephone	01494 474 486
E-mail	info@chilternrangers.co.uk
Website	www.revivethewye.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Conservation work: e.g. river clean ups, fisheries work, litter picking, scrub clearance, marginal planting, constructing in-stream flow deflectors Admin work: e.g. supporting meetings, website updates, events organising, promotion Monitoring work: e.g. monitoring bankside flora and fauna, riverfly monitoring Walk leaders
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Mostly weekdays, but sometimes weekends. Events are organised every 2-3 months
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Along the River Wye within Wycombe District
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Not at the moment, but may do if a regular group is established
Skills required	Need to be reasonably physically fit
Age limits to volunteers?	None
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information provided	March 2016

Risborough Countryside Group

Contact name	Francis Gomme
Address	61 Stratton Road, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 9AX
Telephone	01844 274 865
E-mail	francisgomme@aol.com
Website	
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Conservation work at local nature reserves and wildlife sites. Field archaeology.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	All year
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Mainly within 5 miles of Princes Risborough but occasionally further afield
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Is training offered to volunteers?	Dependant on project and partner organisations
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers?	None. However some activities will not be suitable for under 12s
Will volunteers be insured whilst working with you?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

Contact name	Dawn Pitts
Address	Crossriggs Dimmocks Lane Sarratt Rickmansworth Herts, WD3 6AR
Telephone	01923 267071
E-mail	dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com
Website	No
Types of volunteering opportunities available	On site scrub clearance, creation of glades, general creation and maintenance of habitats on our commons.
When volunteering opportunities are offered	2 nd Sunday morning of the month. 10am – 12 noon
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	On 4 Commons and the Village Green owned by Sarratt Parish Council
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	On site during the task
Skills required	None, except to be fairly physically able
Age limits to volunteers?	None, except children must be accompanied by an adult
Are volunteers insured?	Yes, by the insurance of Sarratt Parish Council
Date information supplied	February 2016

Sonning Common Green Gym

Contact name	Robin Howles, Secretary
Address	5 Priory Copse Peppard Common Henley-on-Thames Oxon RG9 5LH
Telephone	01189 723528
E-mail	scgg09@gmail.com
Website	www.sonningcommon.tcv.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical nature conservation on nature reserves, commons, SSSIs etc. Activities include scrub clearance, pond work, fencing, hay-raking, footpath work, hedge planting and more, using hand-tools only
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Every Thursday and Saturday 9.30-12.30
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	See website for locations of up-coming sessions, including where to park
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No travel expenses, but we arrange car-sharing. We provide safety gear and all tools.
Training offered to volunteers	Guidance on tools-handling and how to go about the tasks safely offered on site. We can send volunteers on day courses for specialist training eg hedge-laying
Skills required	No skills required. We accommodate all levels of fitness as Green Gyms aim to promote fitness and health through practical nature conservation.
Age limits to volunteers?	People below 16yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult. No upper age limit.
Are volunteers insured?	We have full public liability insurance.
Date information supplied	March 2016

The Conservation Volunteers Bedfordshire

Contact name	Katherine Miskin
Address	The Cemetery Gatehouse, Foster Hill Road, Bedford MK41 7TD
Telephone	01234 217553
E-mail	beds@tcv.org.uk
Website	www.tcv.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Practical conservation tasks (sometimes within The Chilterns AONB)
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Monday & Thursday 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays). Contact us to be put on the regular e-mail task list.
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Mostly Bedfordshire but also Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes.
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Not unless they want to become a volunteer officer and become more involved with the organisation & leading of tasks.
Training offered to volunteers	Training in basic health & safety, use of hand tools in a variety of practical situations and why we do what we do.
Skills required	None required – all necessary training given
Age limits to volunteers?	18+
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre

Contact name	Caroline Coleman
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Telephone	01865 815 120
E-mail	Caroline.coleman@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Website	www.tverc.org
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Help with species / habitat surveys in Oxfordshire and assistance with office-based activities including data management
When volunteering opportunities are offered	Times are flexible and can be arranged with TVERC
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Various sites in Oxfordshire or in our office at Eynsham, Oxfordshire
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	Yes
Training offered to volunteers	Training and support offered for activities where necessary
Skills required	Identification skills are useful for survey work. Office-based volunteers need to have good attention to detail and be comfortable with computer-based applications but training in specific packages can be provided
Age limits to volunteers	Adults only
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016

Wallingford Green Gym

Contact name	Jennifer Brooker
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	jenniferbrooker777@btinternet.com
Website	www.wallingfordgreengym.org.uk
Types of volunteering opportunities available	Countryside conservation: scrub clearance; fencing
When volunteering opportunities are offered?	Tuesday mornings
Where volunteering opportunities are offered	Across South Oxfordshire. In the Chilterns: at Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve (usually about once a month)
Are travelling expenses offered to volunteers?	No
Training offered to volunteers	Yes: on-the-job training
Skills required	None
Age limits to volunteers	None, but U16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult
Are volunteers insured?	Yes
Date information supplied	March 2016