

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Estate/Conservation Management Team Volunteer

DEPARTMENT	Economy, Transport and Environment
DIVISION	Transport and Environment - Countryside
<p>What is the volunteering role? As a member of a small team of volunteers, you will assist Countryside Service staff on estate maintenance, public rights of way and practical conservation tasks in order to meet the aims and objectives of the Countryside Service.</p> <p>Typical tasks include scrub clearance, hedge laying, tree planting, meadow management, pond clearance, fencing, and footpath/bridleway repairs.</p> <p>Under the direction of the team supervisor, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use hand-tools and/or materials to carry out a practical task • Carry and handle tools and heavy materials • Clean, service and maintain hand-tools and Personal Protective Equipment. • Clean and tidy tool stores and volunteer bases 	
<p>Where? You would be volunteering with one of our site teams, depending on the availability of opportunity and convenience for you. Teams are based at Clay Cross, Tapton Lock, Hayfield, Middleton Top, Shipley Country Park and Elvaston Castle Country Park.</p>	
<p>When? Weekdays and/or weekends, typically between 9.30am and 4.30pm, though exact times vary between sites.</p>	
<p>Other information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers are covered by the County Council's public liability and personal accident insurances. • We'll ask you to abide by our Volunteer Agreement, which sets out the standards and support you can expect from us and what we ask of you in return. • Guidance in techniques and safe use of tools will be given by our experienced staff 	

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- Personal Protective Equipment, such as gloves and hard hats, will be provided as required.
- You'll need sturdy footwear with good grip such as walking boots. Some tasks may require safety footwear: you'll be told when this is the case and 'pool' safety boots may be available
- Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Overalls can be provided.
- Bring a packed lunch

Is this for you?

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm for the countryside, who is reasonably fit and willing to be outdoors in all weathers throughout the year. You will be punctual and reliable, and enjoy being part of a team. You will be willing to follow Derbyshire County Council's policies and procedures on health and safety, equality and diversity, data protection and environmental management.

What could you get out of it?

- Meeting new people
- Sharing existing skills and developing new skills
- Valuable experience for a career change
- A sense of satisfaction and of 'giving something back'
- Improved health and fitness

Want to find out more?

Contact the Countryside Service by email at countryside@derbyshire.gov.uk or phone 01629 533302. Alternatively, talk to staff at your preferred site.