

Ranger/Warden Support Volunteer

DEPARTMENT	Economy, Transport and Environment
DIVISION	Transport and Environment - Countryside
<p>What is the volunteering role?</p> <p>Assisting our rangers and wardens, often on a one-to-one basis, you will help to look after our countryside sites, trails, facilities and public rights of way. Depending on your interests and the needs of the site, you will be involved in a wide range of countryside management activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estate management tasks such as maintenance and replacement of seats, signage and fencing. Inspection and clearance of drainage. • Conservation management with hand-tools. E.g. Tree planting, woodland thinning, reed pulling, meadow management • Site litter control. • Public rights of way inspection, maintenance and improvement. E.g. installing gates, stiles and waymark posts • Assisting with emergency works such as fallen trees, woodland/grassland fires, pollution control 	
<p>Where?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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 any 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.