



Role Description for volunteer Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project

Opportunity: County Wildlife Sites Survey Volunteer

Purpose:
County Wildlife Sites (CWS) are often critical features in bat landscapes, providing pockets of key habitat for feeding. The surveys will identify those in need of further support and identify important new sites within greater horseshoe priority areas, and will be passed to Devon Biodiversity Records Centre (DBRC).
What the task involves:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work alongside the project's Advisory Officers to identify CWS for surveying (with landowner permission)• Carry out full botanical survey of existing and potential CWS, noting other species of interest• Record mainly botanical species and assess condition• Write up a report• Upload your reports, photos, etc to a dropbox for project use.
Skills and abilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good knowledge of British plants• Some knowledge of other species groups• Good understanding of the Devon countryside and its habitats• Ability to read OS maps, read grid references, take photos (including panoramas), record information (including drawing sketches of the sites)• Used to walking in the countryside, particularly away from footpaths, finding your way along potentially unfamiliar routes using a map• Using the correct walking equipment
Where:
Around the county in our 11 project areas – you will be matched to your local project area but if you can travel further afield please let us know
When and how often:
Each survey is likely to take about half a day (depending upon site size). You can specify how many sites you would like to visit in a given time. This will be an ongoing task for the duration of the project (until Oct 2020).
Who is the supervisor:
Advisory Officer, Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project.
Expenses/equipment available:
Reasonable mileage.
Health and Safety/ Risk Assessment



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These will be written prior to starting and all volunteers obliged to read them.
We request that you do the survey with someone else and not alone.

What's in it for the volunteer?

- Improving existing knowledge
- Enjoy walking through lovely countryside (on land which normally is not accessible)
- Contribution to existing scientific knowledge

How to apply

Contact Lizzy Mooney, Community Engagement Contractor
lmooney@devonwildlifetrust.org

We will then ask you to send a brief letter or email explaining why you wish to do this role and what you think you can bring to it, along with a CV if you have one or a brief paragraph explaining your background.

Task start date: April 2017

Task end date: ongoing