



Role Description for volunteer Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project

Opportunity: Guided Walk Leader/Assistant

Purpose:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the DGHBP team in leading or assisting with walks for local community groups/as part of advertised events• Raise awareness and promote understanding of the DGHBP project
What the task involves:
Key tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the DGHBP team by leading or assisting with guided walks to raise awareness and understanding about greater horseshoe bats and the aims of the project.• To highlight the importance of habitats and natural features and their appropriate management within the local landscape in supporting this threatened species.• Support those attending walks with use of bat detectors (evening walks only)• To highlight opportunities and encourage local people to become actively involved in the project e.g. through accreditation, bat surveys and practical events.• To respond to questions as appropriate and signpost people to sources of further information.
Skills and abilities
Skills that the role uses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confidence in speaking to groups of people• Experience in participating in walking groups/other organised activities• Some background knowledge of the local area and its wildlife is advantageous• Flexibility with available hours• Enthusiasm and interest in wildlife
Where:
The walks will be provided in response to requests from local groups as part of an annual timetable of walks set up by the project team. You will be match to walk requests and venues, to ensure that you are providing walks in their own local area.
When and how often:
There will be a calendar of walks throughout the year, but some flexibility to respond to ad hoc requests will be helpful.
Supervision & Training:



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<p>You will receive;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• training and information from the DGHBP team• background notes and links to other resources• ongoing support from the team,• opportunities to meet other volunteers to share learning and experiences
<p>Expenses/equipment available:</p> <p>Reasonable mileage. You will need to provide your own suitable waterproof boots with good ankle support & grip, as well as weather appropriate clothes for the season</p>
<p>Health and Safety/ Risk Assessment</p> <p>These will be written prior to starting and all volunteers obliged to read them and communicate relevant information to people on the walk</p>
<p>What's in it for the volunteer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• learn more about your local natural heritage, and in particular greater horseshoe bats• gain skills in presenting the project to a wide variety of interested groups• be a key part of the DGHBP team, spreading the word, raising interest and encouraging people to get actively involved in caring for the bats
<p>How to apply</p> <p>Contact Lizzy Mooney, Community Engagement Contractor lmooney@devonwildlifetrust.org</p> <p>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.</p>

Task start date: April 2017 Task review date: September 2017

Task end date: ongoing throughout project