



## Role Description for volunteer Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project

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**Opportunity:** Volunteer Speaker

<b>Purpose:</b>
You will provide talks to local community groups, to raise and further awareness and understanding of the DGHBP project. Your support will enable the project to reach a much wider range of groups and individuals, and to help encourage more people to become actively involved in caring for this threatened species which relies on their local landscapes for its survival.
<b>What the task involves:</b>
We aim to establish a pool of volunteers who, with appropriate training, can be called on to respond to requests for talks. Key tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide illustrated talks, using a variety of media (all supplied by the project team) to raise awareness and understanding about greater horseshoe bats and the aims of the project.</li><li>• To highlight opportunities and encourage local people to become actively involved in the project e.g. through engaging in citizen science and practical events.</li><li>• To respond to questions as appropriate and signpost people to sources of further information.</li></ul>
<b>Skills and abilities</b>
Skills that the role uses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confidence in speaking to groups of people</li><li>• Some background knowledge of the local area and its wildlife is advantageous</li><li>• Flexibility with available hours</li><li>• Enthusiasm and interest in wildlife</li></ul>
<b>Where:</b>
Around the county in response to requests from local groups, you will be matched to those be in your own local area.
<b>When and how often:</b>
Timing/frequency will depend on demand, but there will be a calendar of talks throughout the year. Some flexibility to respond to ad hoc requests will be helpful.
<b>Supervision &amp; Training:</b>
You will receive; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• training and information from the DGHBP team</li><li>• background notes and links to other resources</li><li>• ongoing support from the team,</li></ul> opportunities to meet other volunteers to share learning and experiences

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<b>Expenses/equipment available:</b>
Reasonable mileage. Venues will be provided by the group requesting the talk; equipment will be supplied by DGHBP where needed.
<b>Health and Safety/ Risk Assessment</b>
These will be written prior to starting and all volunteers obliged to read them
<b>What's in it for the volunteer?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• learn more about your local natural heritage, and in particular greater horseshoe bats</li><li>• gain skills in presenting the project to a wide variety of interested groups</li><li>• 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</li></ul>
<b>How to apply</b>
Contact Lizzy Mooney, Community Engagement Contractor <a href="mailto:lmooney@devonwildlifetrust.org">lmooney@devonwildlifetrust.org</a>
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 review date: September 2017**  
**Task end date: ongoing throughout project**