

## Volunteer – Heathland Host

The Heathlands Reunited Team are seeking keen volunteers who are interested in becoming Heathland Hosts. For the role you will have a good general knowledge of heathland heritage, biodiversity and management. You may be stronger in one of these areas than the others but that doesn't matter. You will adopt a site local to yourself and become familiar with the most interesting and engaging elements of that site that you would be happy to pass onto others.

As a Heathland Host you will form part of a team that will work across the Heathlands Reunited Project Area. You will learn how to positively engage with people teaching them about the importance of their heath. You will be on hand to help meet and greet any guest that request to visit and even lead them around the heath. You could also be asked to give talks to local groups about heathlands.

**Compulsory Training:**  
Induction, Lone Working Training, Heathland Host Training

**Equipment Provided:**  
High Viz

**Transport:** *The ability to transport yourself to your designated site (either through public transport or in your own vehicle) might be an advantage in this role.*

**Key Contacts:**  
Project Manager: Colin Carre  
Volunteer Co-ordinator: Katy Sherman

**Preferred/ Est. Hours:** On request for the duration of the 5 year project 2016-2021.

**Role Description:**

- On request meet and greet groups on site.
- On request and when confident enough, lead groups around the site.
- Research and plan routes for walks and identify any potential hazards/risks.
- Welcome groups and give a brief talk before starting off, including information on the route and potential hazards/risks.
- On request deliver community presentations.
- Keep a written register for each walk/presentation.

**Key Skills:**

- Enthusiasm and knowledgeable about the basics of heathland heritage, biodiversity and management
- Friendly, welcoming with good communication skills.
- Reliable, punctual, honest and well-organised.
- Non-judgemental attitude.
- Able to take control and be assertive when needed.
- Confident at speaking in front of small groups.

**Key qualities:** Friendly, sociable personality



**Key Commitments:**

- Will work with the project team to meet the objectives of the project
- Will follow the applicable South Downs National Park Authority Policies e.g. Health and Safety (Risk Assessments) and best practice at all times
- Able to deliver tasks on your own initiative within the project format

**SDNPA Commitments:**

- Provide adequate training and equipment
- Expenses- on a needs basis and when traveling to anywhere other than the normal meeting place.

