

Volunteer – Practical Management

The Heathlands Reunited Team are seeking keen volunteers who are interested in taking part in practical management tasks on the heaths.

As a practical management volunteer you will learn how and why heathlands are managed, whilst getting outside, discovering new places and meeting new people. The majority of this work is physical, for example cutting down invasive plants, scrub and gorse. Volunteers at all levels of fitness are encouraged to join us, you can stay for as long as you wish and work at your own pace. Signing up as a Heathlands Reunited volunteer allows you access to a practical management timetable which shows practical tasks taking place across the weald by 11 organisations. As long as you are signed up to one of these organisations you can turn up to any task on the timetable and take part. Allowing you to work across the weald, visiting new sites and meeting new people.

As heathlands are a manmade habitat your contribution will be invaluable in helping us to maintain an open heathland mosaic. Without this management some of the species that you will see on site would disappear completely, as the scrub would take over the landscape, turning heathland back into woodland.

Compulsory Training:

Induction

Equipment Provided:

PPE

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: To suit for the duration of the 5 year project 2016-2021.

Role Description:

- Removing invasive plants and encroaching scrub
- Team working
- Using tools such as handsaws and loppers

Key Skills:

- Able to work as part of a team
- Ability to follow instruction
- Moderate level of fitness

Key qualities: Friendly, Problem solver, Reliable, Enthusiastic, love of the outdoors

Key Commitments:

- Will work with the project team to meet the objectives of the project
- Work professionally and considerately
- Will follow the applicable South Downs National Park Authority Policies e.g. Health and Safety (Risk Assessments) and best practice at all times

SDNPA Commitments:

- Provide adequate PPE
- Expenses – on a needs basis and when traveling to anywhere other than the normal meeting place

