

Coppice Volunteer

This role will be based at Church Copse in Clapham Woods, as part of a small but growing coppice team. You will be under the guidance of two first aid trained volunteers leaders, exercising a safety first approach to sympathetic woodland management.

You will support the management of Church Copse as an important habitat for declining woodland species such as the hazel dormouse and pearl bordered fritillary butterfly.

Our volunteers play an important role in fulfilling our purposes and volunteers are key ambassadors for the work of the Authority. All volunteers are expected to adhere to South Downs National Park Authority volunteer policies and procedures.

Compulsory Training:

- All volunteer rangers must undertake the SDNPA's initial taster session and introductory training day
- Coppicing/Site safety (to be provided during taster session)

Equipment Provided:

- PPE
- Tools including loppers, saws and billhooks

Transport: The ability to access a designated site either through public transport or in your own vehicle will be necessary in this role.

Responsible to:

Volunteer Activity Coordinator: Ollie Seal,
Assistant Ranger

Volunteer Development Officer: Daniel
Greenwood

Preferred/Est. Hours:

Every Thursday 10:00am – 16:00pm, from
September 2021 – Spring 2022

Note that the length of the working season and frequency is dependent on the number of tasks. Volunteers are required to fulfil a minimum commitment to undertake this role.

Role Description:

- Work as part of a small team, undertaking coppice of hazel for habitat creation.
- Produce stakes and binders from cut material.
- Burn and dead hedge excess material that is unsuitable for stake and binder production.
- Maintain hand tools, sharpening when required.

Key Skills:

- Interest in subject area
- Ability to work independently
- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Reasonable level of fitness to access the site and complete the tasks
- Ability to work with people from all backgrounds
- Willingness to adhere to Health and Safety protocols
- Happy to work outside in winter weather

Key qualities:

Friendly, reliable and self-sufficient, willing to accept direction/guidance



