

Involve

Volunteer Newsletter September–October 2018

Our current opportunities...



▲ South Walney Nature Reserve is already popular and more visitors are expected with the opening of the new hub

1. Join us at the new visitor hub at South Walney

As we prepare to open our new visitor hub later this year at South Walney Nature Reserve, we're looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy talking to people and sharing their love of Cumbria's wildlife. You don't need to be an expert as you'll be learning alongside the reserve warden and other volunteers, but you need to be comfortable helping out with a range of activities, and helping our new visitor hub to run smoothly and look its best. It's really useful if you can commit to two days per month.

Contact Reserve Warden Sarah Dalrymple,
sarahd@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

2. Volunteer wanted to join our image library team

We are creating a new digital library for our photographs, film and other digital assets. We need people with a good photographer's eye to assess photographic quality and/or people with wildlife identification skills who are willing to spend time labelling our digital photos. You would be joining a small team of volunteers working on this project. We are looking for a one day a week commitment.

Contact Charlotte Rowley,
charlotter@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

3. Eycott Hill tree checkers wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help us check on our 10,000 trees planted at Eycott Hill Nature Reserve near Penrith. We are asking volunteers to check that tree tubes and meshes are still standing upright, weed trees where necessary, estimate a rough idea of what percentage are successful and identify any problems, such as areas where bracken is most invasive or where livestock are causing problems. If volunteers are super keen, we may ask them to write up their findings as a report. You'll need to be able to read a map and be happy working outdoors on uneven and boggy terrain. Some knowledge of tree ID useful but not essential. This is a flexible opportunity of around one day a month.

Contact Reserve Officer Imogen Rutter,
imogenr@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk



▲ Eycott Hill Discovery Day is always a great family day out

4. Eycott Hill Discovery Day on Friday 26 October

Would you like to help families enjoy the fun-filled Eycott Hill Discovery Day on Friday 26 October from 1.00pm–4.00pm? You don't need any specialist knowledge, just a friendly and welcoming manner and a willingness to work with members of the public of all ages. Contact Jody Ferguson, jodyf@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

Volunteer on one of our conservation projects

Telephone 01539 816300 unless otherwise stated: Living Seas North West – Emily Baxter; Gosling Sike and Northern Nature Reserves – Kevin Scott 01228 829575; Southern Nature Reserves – Paul Waterhouse; Eastern Nature Reserves – Andrew Walter; Central Nature Reserves – Joe Murphy; Western Nature Reserves – Pete Jones; Dunes of Barrow Co-Ordinator & South Walney Nature Reserve Warden – Sarah Dalrymple 01229 471066; Peatland Restoration – Simon Thomas; Eycott Hill Reserve & Training Officer – Imogen Rutter; Community Gardener & Engagement Officer, Gosling Sike – Kate Jackson 01228 829570; Coastlines: Cumbria Coast Pollinator Project – Tanya St Pierre 01228 829579

5. Bee-friendly gardening event in Workington

We need volunteers to help with our 'Bee Friendly' gardening event for families at Vulcan park, Workington on Saturday 29 September from 11.00am–4.00pm. We need help to run a selection of activities including:

- ❖ Planting wildflower plugs in the park
- ❖ Planting wildflower seeds in newspaper pots
- ❖ Making bee masks
- ❖ Bug hunts
- ❖ Face painting

Contact Lucy Graham, lucyg@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk



▲ Help us run a range of bee-friendly activities in Workington

6. Planting a verge in Whitehaven

Help us to sow wildflower seeds and plant bee-attracting flowers along New Road in Whitehaven from 10.30am to 2.00pm on Tuesday 25 September. Activities will include digging, sowing and planting. Please bring wellies, waterproofs, appropriate outdoor clothing and a packed lunch. Contact Coastlines Development Manager Tanya St Pierre, tanyastp@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

7. Would you like to be involved in our Peatland Restoration Project?

We are reviving our occasional Moorland Conservation Days. They give volunteers an opportunity to help with our big projects, helping landowners to reverse damage to upland peatland habitats by tackling erosion and/or drainage. Previous conservation days have included transplanting native plants, building and repairing small dams, surveying the depth of peat and the size of erosion features. Work sites are at remote and often beautiful locations in the fells, so these days are ideal for volunteers who enjoy fell walking.

Contact Jan McArthur, janm@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

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Conservation Days

Come and help us with a range of practical tasks to help maintain habitats on our nature reserves. No experience is needed but booking is required. To book ring 01539 816300 or email events@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

Around Barrow

- ❖ Foulney Island 18 September

Near Carlisle

- ❖ Bowness-on-Solway 25 September
- ❖ Gosling Sike 12 & 26 September; 10, 17 & 31 October
- ❖ Orton Moss 19 October, 30 October

Around Cockermouth, Whitehaven and West Coast

- ❖ Clints Quarry 19 October

Around Kendal, Grange & South Lakes

- ❖ Brown Robin 9 October, 16 October
- ❖ Dorothy Farrer's Spring Wood 18 October
- ❖ Foulshaw Moss 8 October
- ❖ Howe Ridding Wood 2, 10 & 20 September; 3 October
- ❖ Hutton Roof 17 October; 31 October
- ❖ Latterbarrow 4 September; 30 October
- ❖ Meathop Moss 24 September; 22 October
- ❖ Park Wood 19 September

Near Kirkby Stephen

- ❖ Smardale 3 October
- ❖ Waitby Greenriggs 12 September, 21 October

Near Penrith

- ❖ Eycott Hill 4 & 20 September; 2, 18 & 30 October
- ❖ Thacka Beck 20 September

Near Ulverston

- ❖ Next Ness 1 September

8. Plug-planting near Ulverston on Tuesday 2 October

We'll be planting wildflower plug plants to enrich one of the meadows at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve, as part of the Rusland Horizons Magical Meadows project. For details see the What's On section of our website.