

Involve

Our current opportunities...



▲ Roland Walmsey, volunteer at Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve and one of this year's Badger's Paw recipients

1. Volunteers rewarded for invaluable contribution

Twelve longstanding volunteers with the Trust have received the gold Badger's Paw award this year. One of the recipients, Roland Walmsey is one of our oldest volunteers, at over 90 years old.

Roland has been a regular osprey watch volunteer at Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve for a number of years now, where he is one of a team of volunteers who talk to visitors and help them get the most out of their visit. Reserves Officer Paul Waterhouse says: *"Roland is brilliant with visitors, he has a great sense of humour and really enjoys chatting to them about the ospreys and other wildlife."*

Roland, who describes himself as a 'newcomer' to bird watching (as he only started in 1938!), was awarded his Badger's Paw at an end of season get-together for Foulshaw Moss volunteers. Six other volunteers were awarded their Badger's Paw at the annual Members' Conference on 12 October and the others will be receiving their award at suitable opportunities.

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The other recipients of the Badger's Paw award this year are:

- ❖ **Peter Barron**, Honorary Reserve Warden for Ivy Crag and Boathouse Field nature reserves
- ❖ **Barbara Blatchford**, Kendal Local Support Group
- ❖ **Debbie Coleman**, Kirkby Stephen Local Support Group
- ❖ **Peter Hearn**, volunteer at South Walney Nature Reserve
- ❖ **John Hooson** for his support of wildlife in his work for the National Trust
- ❖ **Ruth Jeffreys**, Kirkby Lonsdale Local Support Group
- ❖ **Steve Matthewman**, Honorary Reserve Manager, Park Wood Nature Reserve
- ❖ **Yvonne Miller** for her care and protection of Lowick Common
- ❖ **Maureen Richards** for her commitment to Cumbria's mountain flora and fauna
- ❖ **Dyane Silvester** for her commitment to writing wildlife articles for the media
- ❖ **Judith Wallen**, as Trustee and for her longstanding involvement with Trust's volunteers



▲ Six of the Badger's Paw recipients with John Farmer, Stephen Trotter and Peter Bullard

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

2. Opportunity for events promoter

We are looking for a volunteer with good IT skills and a knowledge of social media and websites to help us promote our wildlife events on external websites. This work can be either based at one of our offices at Plumgarths, Kendal or Gosling Sike, Carlisle or could be done from home. Time commitment is around 3–4 days per month.

For more details please contact Jan McArthur at jmc@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

3. Welcome caller wanted

Do you enjoy chatting to people? We are looking for someone to join our Membership Development Team as a welcome caller. You would contact new members of Cumbria Wildlife Trust to thank them for their support and answer any questions they may have.

The role is based at our office at Plumgarths near Kendal and is available to start as soon as possible. Time commitment is flexible but ideally, one day a fortnight.

For more information contact Katie Keighley at katiek@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk or phone 01539 816222.



▲ Volunteers are running five beach cleans in November

4. Come and join us at a beach clean

It's amazing what you can find on our beaches! It can be very satisfying to pile up and remove all those bags of rubbish. Join one of our regular volunteer-organised beach cleans and help keep our beautiful coastal habitats special.

- ❖ **Mawbrey Banks** Saturday 3 November 10.00am–12.00pm
- ❖ **Allonby North Beach** Thursday 8 November 1.30pm–3.30pm
- ❖ **South Allonby Beach** Tuesday 13 November 10.00am–12.00pm
- ❖ **Wolsty Banks** Saturday 17 November 10.00am–12.00pm
- ❖ **Bowness-on-Solway** Saturday 1 Dec 10.00am–12.00pm

For more details see our What's On page on the website or email the organiser John Gorril at nicolasjohn@yaho.co.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

Near Carlisle

- ❖ Bowness-on-Solway 27 November
- ❖ Gosling Sike 14, 28 November
- ❖ Orton Moss 13 November

Around Cockermouth, Whitehaven and West Coast

- ❖ Clints Quarry 14 December
- ❖ Dubbs Moss 7 December

Around Kendal, Grange and South Lakes

- ❖ Barkbooth Lot 15 November, 13 December
- ❖ Brown Robin 27 November, 18 December
- ❖ Foulshaw Moss 5 November, 3 December
- ❖ Grubbins Wood 17 December
- ❖ Humphrey Head 13 November
- ❖ Hutton Roof 14, 28 November, 12 December
- ❖ Latterbarrow 20 November, 11 December
- ❖ Meathop Moss 19 November

Near Kirkby Stephen

- ❖ Smardale 7, 18 November, 16 December

Near Penrith

- ❖ Eycott Hill 15, 27 November, 13 December

