

Placement Role Description



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

Role Title:	South Walney Nature Reserve Placement (residential)
Commitment Required:	4 days (28 hours) per week, from late April/early May 2019 (start date to be agreed)
Based At:	South Walney Nature Reserve
Reports To:	Sarah Dalrymple, South Walney Nature Reserve Warden

Role Purpose:

Assist the warden with the running of a suite of nature reserves in the South West of the county based from South Walney, whilst gaining valuable, worthwhile experience in practical conservation and ecological tasks, with a particular emphasis on practical work including infrastructure maintenance, habitat and species monitoring and management and visitor management and engagement.

Special Features of the Role:

Full training will be given to carry out a range of reserve tasks including ecological surveys, monitoring, practical site management and facilities maintenance. **The warden will live on site full time in shared accommodation and as such is available outside of normal working hours, much to the benefit of the reserve. Regular evening and weekend work is expected as part of the role.** Due to the nature of the site an independent and self-reliant style of working is required. **A training bursary of £2500 is available for this role as well as the accommodation package.**

Main Responsibilities and Accountabilities:

Habitat and species monitoring and management: Carry out practical habitat management works and species protection works as agreed with the South Walney Warden.

Survey and monitoring: Assist with systematic monitoring of species and features of conservation interest identified in the management plans, and other approved monitoring projects

Facilities maintenance: Maintenance of reserve infrastructure including jobs such as hide repairs, replacement of trail posts and other similar tasks. Ensure that all tools and vehicles are properly maintained and fit for purpose. Ensure that all records of maintenance checks are kept up to date and in accordance with Cumbria Wildlife Trust codes of practice. Ensure that Health and Safety standards are met.

Visitor management: Promote the reserve and the work of Cumbria Wildlife Trust to the wider public. Actively seek to recruit new members from visitors to the reserves and in dealings with the general public. Seek to protect the wildlife of the sites by controlling public access and behaviour. There is also the potential to develop and lead a program of events and guided walks.

Staff and volunteer responsibilities: Assist the warden in developing and maintaining an effective support group for the reserves including working with volunteers and others from community initiatives. Supervise volunteer groups to implement tasks. Develop good working relationships with groups and volunteers.

Administration: Respond to telephone calls, e-mails and other enquiries. Assist the Warden with banking and other administrative tasks. Ensure all Cumbria Wildlife Trust administrative documentation is completed.

Team working: Assisting the Foulney Island tern warden and providing cover for their days off.

Conclusion of the Placement: A learning log is to be kept during the placement period to help your work colleagues to support you. This log will help you to create the placement report expected by your tutor as an integral part of the learning placement. Cumbria Wildlife Trust will also be keen to gain as much feedback as possible about the placement to enable them to continue to develop such opportunities.

**Date: February
2019**