



## **Bioblitz Helpers Volunteer Role Description**

### **About the Cumbria Wildlife Trust**

As one of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts, we are a local wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take local action for wildlife.

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of 700 active volunteers, over 15,000 members and supporters.

### **What is a Bioblitz Helper Volunteer?**

We are looking for volunteers to help at Cold Springs' official Opening Festival on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which includes a bioblitz – and we need volunteers to help others get involved.

You will join a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff at an activity lead by Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre (CBDC). The session will conduct a thorough survey of the grassland, including plants, pollinators and a wealth of beetle grubs. We need volunteers to support members of the public to search for, identify and log their finds – all with the help of CBDC's experts.

We're asking for a 1-2 hour commitment between the hours of 10am and 3pm and need as many volunteers as possible.

### **What's in it for you?**

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff at Cold Springs
- Getting out and about in nature at one of Cumbria Wildlife Trust's first community nature reserves
- Health and wellbeing benefits
- Passing on your knowledge and/or enthusiasm to other people and helping them get enjoyment through contact with nature
- Learning new conservation and people skills

### **What's involved?**

- Greeting visitors on arrival at the session and assisting them to get involved
- Spending time out and about on site and engaging with our visitors

- Providing assistance and encouragement to visitors to discuss their sightings and share information
- For those doing the early or closing shift, assisting with the tidying, and opening up/closing of the site

## Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who loves coastal wildlife and is a people person. It would especially suit those who:

- Are aged 16 or over (14 plus if accompanied by an adult)
- Have good communication skills and can greet visitors in a cheerful manner
- Have a natural enthusiasm for wildlife and want to help visitors get the most from their visit
- Enjoy working in an outdoor environment (in all weathers!)

However, please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.

## Extra information

Your place	Cold Springs Community Nature Reserve, Penrith, CA10 8EY
Time commitment	We are looking for volunteer helpers who would be able to come down for 1-2 hours on Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Alcroft, Volunteer Coordinator <a href="mailto:volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk">volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk</a>
Staff Contact (if different)	Ami Stidolph <a href="mailto:AmiS@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk">AmiS@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk</a>
Training/Resources	A health and safety overview and task training session will be given on the day Volunteers may claim travel expenses of 45p per mile up to a 30 mile round trip
Other Requirements	A site induction and orientation will be provided.

**This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract**