

# **SeaFest 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 SeaFest Volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers to help at SeaFest - Cumbria Wildlife Trust's largest event of the year! Held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at St Bees beach, from 10-4pm, we need volunteers to help us run the event, which is a celebration of the Irish Sea and the amazing creatures and habitats beneath the waves.

You will join a friendly team of volunteers and staff at the event. We will have all kinds of stalls and activities including a beach clean, sand sculpture competition, scavenger hunt, crafts, and children's activities. There will be plenty of staff members on hand and all training will be provided – you just need to enjoy spending a day outside chatting to people!

## What's in it for you?

- Join a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff at St Bees
- Getting out and about in nature on the coast meeting a host of different people
- Passing on your knowledge and/or enthusiasm to other people and helping them get enjoyment through contact with nature

#### What's involved?

- Greeting visitors on arrival at the session and assisting them to get involved
- Spending time on stalls or on site engaging with our visitors
- 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 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 (whatever the weather!)

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	St Bees Beach,
Time commitment	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025; 10-4pm plus set up/tidy up time
Volunteer	Ruth Alcroft, Volunteer Coordinator
Coordinator	volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact	Yolanda
(if different)	YolandaA@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
	To sign up: <a href="https://wildlifetrusts.wufoo.com/forms/myo36pf0k88v0x/">https://wildlifetrusts.wufoo.com/forms/myo36pf0k88v0x/</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 for up to a 30 mile
	round trip
Other	Instructions will be sent our beforehand and training will be provided at the
Requirements	start of the event

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