



Livestock Checkers 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 Livestock Checker Volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers who will visit at Eycott Hill or Clints Quarry reserve regularly to undertake a check of livestock grazing there, making sure they are healthy and reporting any concerns.

You will join a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff, providing information on the site's wildlife and participating in the group's communication set up including WhatsApp group, email and spreadsheet.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff at Eycott Hill or Clints Quarry
- Getting out and about in nature at one of Cumbria Wildlife Trust's beautiful nature reserves
- Health and wellbeing benefits
- Learning new skills

What's involved?

- Being part of a team that regularly walks at Eycott Hill, checking on the wellbeing of the livestock (primarily Belted Galloway cattle but occasionally sheep), reporting on wellbeing and contributing to the update of the rota, or

Being part of a team that regularly walks at Clints Quarry, checking on the wellbeing of the ponies (primarily Exmoor ponies), reporting on the wellbeing and contributing to the update of the rota

Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust. It would especially suit those who:

- Are aged 18 or over
- Are confident and respectful around animals
- Are happy to keep people updated
- Have a natural enthusiasm for or interest in nature reserves and conservation grazing
- Enjoy working in an outdoor environment (in all weathers!)
- Enjoy walking and ideally have access to a car as the site is in a remote location

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

Extra information

Your place	Eycott Hill, Near Berrier, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0XD Twilight.talkative.credited. Clints Quarry, Off the A5086 near Egremont, Egremont, Cumbriad CA22 2SZ Consumed.Autumn.Trash
Time commitment	Ideally once or twice a week
Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Alcroft, Volunteer Coordinator volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact (if different)	Jack Dryden jackd@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Training/Resources	Volunteer handbook and Trust induction, including initial health and safety training and shadowing an existing volunteer or staff member. We are looking at running a one-day course for livestock checkers going forward, though this may depend on availability. Volunteers are able to receive travel expenses of 0.45p per mile agreed in advanced with their staff contact.
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