

## Moss Carder Bumblebee Volunteer Surveyor- Role Description

### About 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.

### Project information

This work is being made possible through funding from Natural England as part of the Moss Carder Bee *Bombus muscorum* in the East of Eden Landscape.

### What is a Moss Carder bumblebee Volunteer Surveyor?

The Moss Carder bumblebee is at critical risk of extinction in the UK. Cumbria has some of the last remaining records in England. In order to take action to save this species, we need to know where and how many there are. As a volunteer surveyor, once a month you will walk one of our transects, identifying and counting bumblebee species you see along the way.

Transects are between 1 and 5km, and can be road verges or open fellside. Full bumblebee identification training is provided, and loan of a bee net for the summer. Moss Carders can be hard to distinguish from the Common Carder, so a keen, patient eye is essential.

### What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team at Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- Health and wellbeing benefits by getting outdoors and spending time in nature
- Learning new practical conservation survey skills from our experienced team
- Opportunity to increase your knowledge of wildlife species and habitats
- Opportunity to help CWT raise awareness of wildlife and conservation

### Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who loves wildlife and wants to make a real difference to the knowledge of bumblebees. It would especially suit those who:

- Are reliable and committed to this role
- Have good observational skills
- Are polite and helpful wherever necessary, when in contact with public and acting as representatives of the wildlife Trust
- Have an ability to follow given health and safety guidelines
- Training and comprehensive guidance will be given

### Extra information

Your place	North Pennines and Westmorland Dales
Time commitment	Once a month from June to September

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<b>Training/Resources</b>	Bumblebee ID training day in June  Maps of sites, specific recording sheets and any other equipment will all be supplied by the Trust where needed.
<b>Other Requirements</b>	

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