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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

## **Reserve Volunteer**

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The reserve is over 500 acre of stunning habitats including wet grassland, reedbed, woodland and hedgerows. We manage each of the habitats to benefit the wildlife that relies on the reserve. 25% of wetland plants and animals are at risk. One of the best parts of volunteering on the reserve is seeing the results from the work we have done. This can be tawny owls using the boxes we've put up, Marsh Harriers nesting in the reedbed we managed or Common Terns nesting on the gravel we put out. We could not do this without volunteers.

Volunteers play a crucial role in saving wetlands for wildlife and people.

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### **This role involves:**

- We survey everything at Martin Mere don't worry if you are worried about your ID skills we can teach that but the role will involve counting birds, insects, plants etc.
- Lots of practical outdoor work is really varied and includes cutting down trees in the reedbed, cutting and raking the wildflower meadows and pulling Himalayan balsam.
- We love to explain to visitors what we are doing and explaining to them why we are surveying or cutting something.
- We have a herd of English Longhorn Cattle that are really important for managing the wet grasslands, the role involves check them and helping move them between fields.
- In the mornings we need to get the reserve ready for the visitors this involves opening the hides checking everything is in order, filling up the birdfeeders, looking for any exciting birds to put on the sightings pages.

### **This role will suit you if:**

You enjoy getting outside no matter the weather, like to get involved with a wide variety of tasks and enjoy working in a team

### **Practicalities**

#### **Where will you be based?**

Martin Mere

#### **Who will you volunteer with?**

Louise Clewley Reserve Manager

#### **Time commitment?**

8am - 4:30pm 1 day a week (Mon, Weds or Fri)

We want your volunteering to be a positive and fun experience. You'll get a warm welcome, including information on training, equipment and other information you need. This will include risk assessments based on your role and any particular support you need.

Volunteers receive access to our sites, and discounts in our shops and cafes. Some roles include a uniform or require the use of equipment or protective clothing.

If you are based at a particular site or office location, you'll need to be able to get yourself there and back. Information on locations can be found on our [website](#).

We will keep you up to date with what's happening across WWT and the difference you will be helping to make happen.

### **Interested?**

If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form so that we can talk it through further with you.

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