

Hampshire Hedge Volunteer

Volunteer Role	Hampshire Hedge Volunteer
Volunteer Manager	Ellie Banks (ellie.banks@cprehampshire.org.uk)
Where you will be based	Hampshire: Copythorne & Shawford and Compton

Why we want you

We're looking to build a team of volunteers for our new Hampshire Hedgerow project - connecting our two national parks in Hampshire with hedgerow over the next 3 years! Our project aims to enhance the quality of the landscape (for people, farming and wildlife) as well as grow local community engagement and support for CPRE.

You'll join a group of enthusiastic volunteers helping to carry out primarily hedge planting and restoration (gapping up) with the possibility for further tasks such as hedge-laying, ground clearance and tree planting. There may also be surveying and general conservation tasks to help restore and monitor the wildlife and landscape value of the countryside.

By volunteering with us you can make a real difference and be part of a friendly and passionate charity.

What you will be doing

- Practical, hands on tasks e.g. hedge planting, clearance
- Monitoring and surveying of existing hedgerows to assess "hedge health"
- Biodiversity monitoring through ecological surveys of hedgerows before and after enhancement
- Volunteering alongside others as part of a team
- Representing CPRE 'on the ground' to the public and passers-by

The skills you need

- A keen interest in learning about the countryside
- The ability to undertake moderate physical activity
- Willingness to follow health and safety guidance, including use of tools and personal protective equipment
- A flexible approach to volunteering availability as tasks will be on various days/times
- Ability to make your own way to and from the task site

What's in it for you

- Meet like-minded people and enjoy being part of a team
- Help hedges thrive and grow in your area
- Enhance your CV by developing new skills and gaining valuable experience
- We will provide you with relevant instruction and supervision around

hedgerow planting and management to undertake this role

- We'll support you to develop and be safe in your volunteering role and provide you with all relevant health and safety information
- We'll give you a reference for your future work or volunteering
- Get involved with social events and workshops online and face to face