



**The Wildlife Trust for
Lancashire
Manchester &
North Merseyside**

Bickershaw Practical Conservation Volunteer Role Description

About the Lancashire Wildlife Trust

We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you.

The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage.

About the Project

Bickershaw Country Park gets its name from the former coal mine which occupied much of the site. Since the closure of the mine, nature has had the chance to re-colonise the land and create wonderful areas for plants and animals.

The wide varieties of habitats include wetlands, grasslands, and woodland. All of which are managed to improve habitats for wildlife as well as provide an area for the public to reconnect with nature and improve wellbeing.

What is a Practical Conservation Volunteer?

A practical conservation volunteer is happy to be out on the reserve regardless of the weather. They support the Project Officer to take care of the reserve and its inhabitants, and aim to create the ideal environment for the local flora and fauna. Duties include tree planting, scrub clearance, site maintenance, removing invasive plant species like Himalayan balsam and wildlife surveying.

What's in it for you?

- Being outdoors
- Learning the reasons for and how to carry out conservation practices
- Developing new skills and experience
- Meeting like-minded people
- Being part of a small friendly team

What's involved?

- Spring/Summer duties include wildlife surveying, tackling invasive species and habitat improvements.
- Autumn/Winter duties include tree planting, scrub clearance and site maintenance.
- Learn how to use and maintain tools safely and effectively.
- Becoming familiar with and then following the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety procedures at all times.

This role will suit people who;

- Have an interest in wildlife and conservation
- Want to expand their experience in the conservation sector
- Enjoy being outdoors
- Work well in a team
- Don't mind working in inclement weather
- Have the ability to do physical work for extended periods of time

Extra information

Your place	Bickershaw Country Park
Time commitment	Ideally 1 or more days a week, but realistically whenever you can. Availability for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Volunteer Manager	Matthew Freeman mfreeman@lancswt.org.uk 07982 668581 or 01942 246415
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Health and Safety Training Manual Handling Training Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed) (all training subject to course availability)
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £5 per day, and other reasonable subsistence/expenses agreed in advance.

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