



**Lancashire,  
Manchester &  
N Merseyside**

**Red Squirrel Project**  
**Squirrel Surveyor**  
**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 Role**

Surveying woodlands is a key aspect of the red squirrel conservation project. Alongside the bi-annual monitoring results and grey squirrel management work it allows us to map distributions of red and grey squirrels and informs our conservation strategy.

The main methods we use for surveying woodlands are hair tubes and trail cameras. Training will be provided on all monitoring techniques and also on analysing results, which includes identifying hair samples and recognising species on trail camera images.

**What's in it for you?**

- Working towards the conservation of an endangered species
- Learning new skills
- Opportunity to build experience for future career development
- Option to join the Red Alert volunteer group who meet 3 times a year to keep up to date on red squirrel conservation in the area

**What's involved?**

- Full training provided – no experience necessary
- All monitoring equipment provided
- Can work alone or team up with another volunteer
- All results must be submitted to LWT
- Becoming familiar with and then following the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety policy at all times

## **This role will suit people who;**

- Have an interest in nature conservation and species management
- Like to be outside
- Preferably have own transport for transporting equipment. Some sites are not easily accessible by public transport.

## **Extra information**

<b>Your place</b>	Various sites throughout north Merseyside and west Lancashire
<b>Time commitment</b>	Flexible
<b>Volunteer Manager</b>	Rachel Cripps <a href="mailto:rcripps@lancswt.org.uk">rcripps@lancswt.org.uk</a> 07590 745862
<b>Training/Resources</b>	LWT Volunteer Induction Access to the Volunteer Training Programme Health and Safety Training Manual Handling Training Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed)
<b>Expenses</b>	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £4 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**