



**Lancashire,  
Manchester &  
N Merseyside**

## **Lancashire's Living Seas Marine Champion**

### **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.

Living Seas are the Wildlife Trusts' vision for the future of the UK's seas. Within Living Seas, marine wildlife thrives, from the depths of the ocean to the coastal shallows.

#### **About the Role/Project**

The Lancashire's Living Seas project aims to deliver a programme of inspirational and engaging marine activities that raise awareness about how important Lancashire's marine and coastal wildlife is. Challenging and changing the perceptions of the public about the wildlife value of the Irish Sea and instilling in them a sense of responsibility to care about and act for its protection.

Working closely with local authorities and businesses, we will encourage those from further afield to visit Lancashire's coast. We will also work with local schools, helping children to explore their coastline more by getting them out on the shore to investigate the huge diversity of marine life that can be found along the North West coast of England.

We will be engaging with a wide range of people through activities at various locations including Blackpool Sealife Centre, Rossall Point Observation Tower and along the many beautiful beaches of Lancashire's coast. In addition, we'll be working closely with local naturalist groups and coastal communities to recruit and train volunteers to become Marine Champions to lead activities, carry out essential survey work and contribute to our campaigns.

#### **What is a Volunteer Marine Champion?**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would like to become Marine Champions for Lancashire's Living Seas and learn the skills needed to inspire others to join in the campaign to protect our valuable marine environment. They will participate in a range of activities to engage a diverse audience, from delivering talks, running marine workshops and events along the coast, to carrying out a number of marine-focused surveys such as Shoresearches and Seawatches.

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

Our volunteer Marine Champions will gain skills in surveying:

- Rocky shores
- Marine mammals
- Muddy shores
- Strandline mass wrecks
- Marine invasive non-native species (MINNS)

Further training opportunities in:

- Outdoor health and safety
- Project payback membership recruitment
- Marine species identification
- Beach school training (requires a substantial time commitment)

Other:

- Pass on your valuable knowledge to others whilst continuing to learn
- Meet new people from all walks of life
- Make a difference and help to protect the Irish Sea and the wildlife that it sustains

## **What's involved?**

- Leading regular surveys on the Lancashire coast
- Having a sound knowledge of species found on the shore in the North West
- Engaging with volunteers and guiding them through surveys
- Engaging visitors with the wildlife of the Irish Sea
- Continuing to develop wider knowledge of the Irish Sea through learning opportunities, research and keeping up-to-date with the latest wildlife information
- Ensuring health and safety protocols are followed and all incidents reported
- Becoming familiar with, and then following the LWT's H&S Policy at all times

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

- People who are looking to have a career in marine conservation and gain vital experience in the sector
- Have a love of all things marine, enjoy meeting and talking to people and want to share their knowledge and passion
- Have a good natural history knowledge and a willingness to learn
- Are passionate about environmental conservation
- Have a friendly nature
- Are reasonably fit

## Extra information

<b>Your place</b>	Various locations along the Lancashire coast with office work at Fylde Council.
<b>Time commitment</b>	We hope people will volunteer with an interest in benefiting LWT in the long term.
<b>Volunteer Manager Fylde Coast</b>	Name: Eleanor Falch Email Address: <a href="mailto:efalch@lancswt.org.uk">efalch@lancswt.org.uk</a> Telephone Number: 07542 228276
<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 £5 per day, and other reasonable subsistence/expenses agreed in advance.
<b>Requirements</b>	In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask you to provide two references.

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