



Lancashire,
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Livestock Checking 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.

What is a Livestock Checking Volunteer?

Each of our Livestock Checkers visit the site once a week for between 30 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the site, to check the health and welfare of the livestock grazing at that site. They will learn how to behave around livestock and what signs to be aware of to ensure they are grazing in a safe environment.

What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to work at each site independently, with the support of the Conservation Grazing Officer learning about animal husbandry.
- The opportunity to learn about the relationship between grazing livestock and the wildlife and how they benefit each other.
- The opportunity to take part in scheduled guided walks lead by the Reserves Manager.
- In house training opportunities covering many diverse aspects of conservation.
- Working with others to enhance your skills and knowledge.
- Gain valuable experience working with an Environmental Organisation.

What's involved?

- The main job for volunteers will be to check the livestock each week, either through binoculars or when possible by approaching the herd or flock.
- Volunteers will also support the Conservation Grazing Officer by checking fence lines and fields for any hazards, such as litter.
- There may be instances when the livestock are required to be gathered into handling pens for treatment and help can be needed to gather in.

This role will suit people who;

- Enjoy being outdoors in all weathers.
- Are calm and reliable.
- Live near to the sites.
- Are available to complete checks between 8am and 6pm on the same day each week.
- Are comfortable around livestock.

Extra information

Your place	Cutacre Nature Reserve (M29 8PB) Lightshaw Nature Reserve (WA8 8UH) Three Sisters Nature Reserve (WN4 8DD) Lunt Meadows (L29 8YB) Freshfield Dune Heath (L37 7DY) Longworth Clough (BL7 9PU).
Time commitment	Cutacre, Lightshaw, Three Sisters, and Lunt Meadows between 30 minutes and 1 hour on the same day each week. Freshfield Dune Heath and Longworth Clough between 1 and 2 hours on the same day each week. Please note the animals are not at every site all year round and there is some seasonal grazing, so similarly for the checking e.g. Three Sisters is only grazed for 2-3 months each year from summer to autumn.
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Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction Livestock Checkers Course Access to the Volunteer Learning Opportunities Health and Safety Training Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed)
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 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.