

# The Bay Community Events Volunteer Role Description

## The Bay: A Blueprint For Recovery

The Bay is a Nature and Wellbeing Programme, offering people living around Morecambe Bay the opportunity to get outdoors, connect with nature, and take part in a range of nature and wellbeing activities.

The programme has been set up to tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness in Morecambe Bay after the global pandemic. Created by partner organisations; The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, The Eden Project, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, the two-year project will be based in Barrow-in-Furness, Morecambe and Wyre.

As a volunteer you could be taking part in activities such as beach cleans, nature walks, rock pooling, and scientific surveys. You will also have opportunities to learn new skills and connect with the wonderful nature of the Bay, as well as engaging with the community.

## What is a Community Events Volunteer?

Our Community Events Volunteers will help on the Bay Project to prepare and deliver events around Morecambe, Wyre or Barrow to raise awareness of wildlife and the environment at different sites. Volunteers can help on events, help prepare materials and plan activities for future events, provide informative talks to groups, or help collect scientific data.

## What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Getting out and about in nature and on our beautiful beaches
- Health and wellbeing benefits
- Passing on your knowledge to other people
- Learning new skills and experience of working on events

## What's involved?

- Helping to promote events in the hub sites of Morecambe, Wyre or Barrow as well as out and about in Morecambe Bay
- Engaging with the local community and visitors to the area
- Helping to conduct citizen science surveys and provide quantitative data to local Record Centres to help in nature's recovery.
- Becoming familiar with and then following the Bay Blueprint for Recovery Health and Safety Policy at all times.

## Who would suit this role?

This role could suit almost anyone depending on their interests, but will especially suit those who:

- Enjoy working with communities or the environment
- Have some natural history knowledge of the local area
- Have a friendly and engaging nature
- Enjoy working in an outdoor environment (in all weathers!)
- Enjoy walking (although not needed for all events)

However, please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.

## Extra information

<b>Your place</b>	Wyre Estuary Country Park, Stannah / Various locations around Wyre (What three words: table.chase.threading) OR Morecambe – Eden Project North OR Barrow – Round House
<b>Time commitment</b>	This will vary due to the nature of events in the different areas. To be discussed with the Events Co-ordinator in each hub site.
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Catherine Haddon <a href="mailto:chaddon@lancswt.org.uk">chaddon@lancswt.org.uk</a> 01772 324 129
<b>Staff Contact</b> (if different)	Rachel Glascott (Wyre) <span style="float: right;">Amber Woods (Morecambe)</span> <a href="mailto:rglascott@lancswt.org.uk">rglascott@lancswt.org.uk</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="mailto:awoods@edenproject.com">awoods@edenproject.com</a></span>  Yolanda Aze (Barrow) <a href="mailto:Yolandaa@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk">Yolandaa@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk</a> (please contact Yolanda directly if you wish to volunteer at Barrow)
<b>Training/Resources</b>	LWT Volunteer Induction Shadowing Community Engagement Officers 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 £8 per day, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance
<b>Other Requirements</b>	In the next stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask you to provide a reference.

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