



## Volunteer Role Description

The Box Moor Trust manages approximately 500 acres of land in and around Hemel Hempstead. The estate has a variety of habitats and facilities for local people to enjoy, as well as a wealth of wildlife, including some locally rare species. Volunteers work alongside Box Moor Trust staff in almost all aspects of managing the estate, such as working with the livestock used to graze the meadows, carrying out habitat management work such as removing scrub, or assisting with running community engagement sessions such as guided walks and school visits.

**Volunteer Role:** Wildlife Survey Volunteer

**Area of work:** Wildlife monitoring

**Lead contact:** Steve Dutch, Ecology Ranger

**Time Commitment:** There is no requirement to commit to a certain number of sessions or hours – volunteers can come to as many or as few surveys as they like. Survey dates are seasonal and flexible throughout the year.

**DBS check required:** No

## Role Purpose

To support the Ecology Ranger in carrying out surveys on a range of species. Wildlife Surveys are vital to our work managing the habitats of the estate as they evaluate how well we are doing or highlight areas we may need to change or improve our management plans.

## Tasks and Activities

Including but not limited to:

- Bat Surveys - evenings in July
- Water Vole Surveys - April and September
- Wildflower Surveys – June and July
- Butterfly Surveys - March to September
- Amphibian Surveys – February to June
- Reptile Surveys – April, June and September
- Bird Surveys – March to June
- Small Mammal Surveys - September

## Personal Qualities and Experience needed

- Enthusiastic about wildlife and nature conservation
- Happy to work outside in all weathers
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Enthusiasm for learning to ID different species – no prior knowledge or experience needed
- Flexibility for late nights and early mornings (for some surveys only)
- A reasonable level of fitness

**What you will gain**

- Opportunity to develop ID skills and knowledge of a variety of different species
- Learn about conservation in a semi-urban environment
- Have fun and meet new people
- Exercise while enjoying nature
- Understanding of the day-to-day running of the Box Moor Trust
- Experience relevant to this role and a reference for future employment
- Attendance of social activities including the annual Volunteers Summer BBQ and Christmas party

**Useful information:**

- Uniform is provided after attendance of a few sessions
- All equipment is provided for this role
- Please bring any refreshments you may need
- Training opportunities may include workshops on different surveys and species and other training that would support you in fulfilling this role