



# Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust

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### Volunteer in Berkshire

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Whether you have just an hour, a day or a week to give, and whatever your skills, there's an opportunity for you to volunteer with the Berks, Bucks &

## Downloads

We believe in the value of volunteering, and we have policies that guide our work in recruiting, supporting and managing volunteers. We also have a strong commitment to equal opportunities in volunteering.

We have procedures to make sure you are fairly treated.

- [Volunteer Handbook](#)
- [Volunteer Policy](#)
- [Volunteer Problem-Solving Procedure](#)
- [Diversity and Equality Policy](#)
- [Health and Safety Policy](#)

## Kick start your career in conservation



If you're looking for a way to start a career in the wildlife and countryside sector, then the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust can help. We run [over 20 structured traineeships a year](#), across four different areas of environmental work.

## Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) near where you live.

You will be joining hundreds of other people from all walks of life who volunteer with the Wildlife Trust.

As well as being great ways to meet people, learn new skills and gain valuable experience that could help you start a career in conservation, volunteering with the Wildlife Trust will give you the satisfaction of knowing that you're helping to protect and enhance your local environment to benefit wildlife and connect people with nature.

**Would you like to see what BBOWT volunteers are doing?** Sign up to [Grapevine](#), an e-newsletter for volunteers in each county. Choose which Grapevine you'd like to receive and the next edition will be sent to you. Grapevine is published in February, May, August and November.

You don't need lots of experience! BBOWT has practical volunteering opportunities at all levels, usually outdoors on our nature reserves although some of them are office-based, and relevant training is given before you start.

**Take your first steps in volunteering with the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust now by looking at the different opportunities for [Berkshire](#), [Buckinghamshire](#) and [Oxfordshire](#).** If you have a particular role in mind, please email [volunteering@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@bbowt.org.uk) and tell us what you would like to do.

### Benefits of being a volunteer

You will help your local wildlife, have fun and possibly get fit too, learn new skills and meet other volunteers at social events.

If you have an email address you will receive [Grapevine](#), our e-newsletter full of information about volunteering with BBOWT, and information about free training courses and other events.

You could win an award! Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Achievement [Awards](#) are presented every year at our AGM when we recognise and celebrate all the work BBOWT volunteers are doing for wildlife.

### Examples of practical volunteering

You can help your local wildlife in a number of ways – these are just a few of them:

- As an occasional or regular 'work party' volunteer on a local reserve, you will carry out practical conservation tasks to help improve wildlife habitats on the reserve.
- If you join one of BBOWT's mid-week teams in Berks, Bucks or Oxon you will be doing practical work every week on several different nature reserves within the county.
- You can help at our events, 'meet and greet' at Visitor Centres, and enjoy a walk around a reserve to check on our livestock.
- Volunteers with ecological expertise carry out surveys of various species groups including birds, butterflies, plants and water voles; BBOWT provides training for this work.
- Experienced volunteers who want more responsibility, and who are trained to use specific equipment, can join the county Field Teams. These teams carry out more complex tasks where specialist skills are needed, and use general maintenance and DIY skills to benefit our reserves and wildlife.
- Some volunteers become reserve wardens, helping to manage, monitor and maintain specific nature reserves. Read [Charlotte Kamali's blog](#) from Finemere Wood.




## 30 Days Wild

One of our volunteers Martin Woolner, took up the challenge of doing something wild every day in June for 30 Days Wild. [Read about his adventures.](#)

- Occasionally we recruit Conservation Trainees who are able to make a commitment to work with us three days a week for six to twelve months. BBOWT provides full training to help Conservation Trainees develop their environmental careers. Check the [Conservation Trainee page](#) for the latest vacancies.

[Regional groups](#) in the Chilterns, East Berkshire and Mid-Berkshire play key roles in raising the profile of BBOWT in their area, helping to raise vital funds and increase membership by organising local events and work parties. Volunteers are needed to help run events such as guided walks and plant and produce sales, and serve on committees. Regional and 'Friends of' groups

'Friends of' groups are linked to specific nature reserves such as Letcombe Valley and Audrey's Meadow. Find out more about these groups by emailing the Community Wildlife Officer for each county.

- Berkshire: [Daniel Akam](#) 
- Buckinghamshire: [Kate Sheard](#) 
- Oxfordshire: [Mark Bradfield](#) 

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### Corporate volunteering opportunities

Corporate team days are a rewarding and fun experience, improving staff morale, productivity and team-building skills, while helping to protect your local wildlife. Visit our [Company Support](#) page for more info about how you can get

involved.

### Information for Key Volunteers

BBOWT's Key Volunteers are responsible for making sure all our volunteers carry out their work safely and use best practices at all times. Key Volunteers have password-protected access to the Codes of Practice and Procedures.

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