



# Nature Watch Volunteer Role Profile

## Somer Valley Rediscovered

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# Nature Watch Volunteer

Become a Naturewatch volunteer to enjoy and learn about Somerset Valley's wildlife through hands on surveying and habitat monitoring.





# Purpose of the role

Join us and help Somerset Valley Rediscovered conserve this beautiful landscape, steeped in heritage and nature. Volunteering with us is a chance for people in the Somerset Valley to improve wildlife habitat and accessibility of greenspaces in the area. In turn this helps connect people to nature, supports and enables positive local action and improves health and wellbeing.

We are recruiting a team of volunteers to help with species and habitat surveying and monitoring.

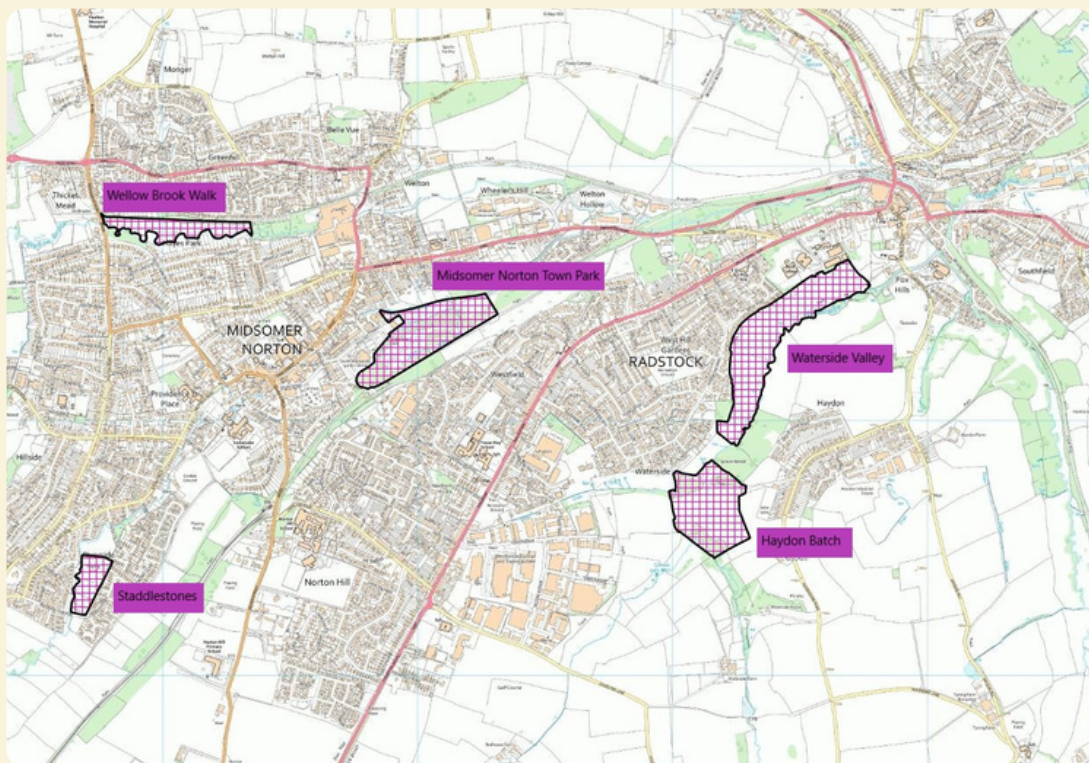


# Locations

We have 5 key green spaces with the Somerset Valley Rediscovered area.

These are:

- Haydon Batch
- Midsomer Norton Town Park
- Staddlestones Park
- Waterside Valley
- Wellow Brook Walk





# Activities and timescales

With the support of Somerset Valley Rediscovered colleagues and partners you will receive training and equipment to enable you to survey and record details of local wildlife species.

Volunteers will help with species and habitat surveying with a particular focus on:

- invertebrate monitoring and Butterfly monitoring
- grassland management

We will use the information gathered during these surveys to assess the wildlife in local habitats. We'll record and share findings of this work with key conservation partners. This information will then feed into the planning of practical conservation work needed to improve biodiversity in the local area.

This is a seasonal and flexible role; our surveying and monitoring work takes place in spring and summer.

# Who might like this role?

This role may appeal to people who:

- are interested in learning in outdoor environments.
- enjoy working independently and as part of a team.
- have an interest in wildlife.
- have some experience, or who have no experience and want to learn new skills.



## Benefits of the role

- develop knowledge and experience of grasses and wildflowers and invertebrate species identification
- learn surveying skills and techniques in which support accurate species recording
- have access to training sessions and informal skill sharing. There will also be opportunities for formal training for regular volunteers looking to up-skill
- opportunity to get some gentle exercise in the fresh air and meet new people
- be part of a friendly and dedicated team
- we can provide a volunteer reference





# Training and Support

After registering as a volunteer, you'll be welcomed to one of our induction events where we can share more information about the role, our partners, and green spaces and to answer any questions you may have.

We offer volunteers the training and support they need and encourage skills development. We'll ensure that you feel confident to engage with surveying and habitat monitoring volunteering sessions you commit to.

We will be collating a list of relevant training events and opportunities to help develop skills, build confidence, and support your volunteer work. This information will be shared with volunteers, who can then sign up to training events of interest.



# Staying in Touch

You can email us:

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You can call Emma, the Volunteer Coordinator:  
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Keep an eye on our website –

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