



Habitat Management Volunteer Role Profile

Somerset Valley Rediscovered

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Habitat Management Volunteer

Do you want to assist with practical conservation activities to conserve and restore the grasslands and woodlands of the local area and increase the biodiversity of our green spaces?



Purpose of the role

Join us and help Somerset Valley Rediscovered conserve this beautiful landscape, steeped in heritage and nature. Somerset Valley Rediscovered have partnered with the fantastic ReNature ReConnect organisation to deliver these practical volunteering activities. Claire will be leading these Habitat Management sessions, with over 14 years experience in land management and conservation.





Purpose of the role

Volunteering with us is a chance for people in the Somer 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.

By volunteering with Somer Valley Rediscovered as a Habitat Management volunteer you will be supporting work to improve local hedgerows, restore species rich grassland and woodlands and help to manage and promote habitat connectivity. You'll be supporting work to improve the condition of some local Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCIs) and protect the landscape character.

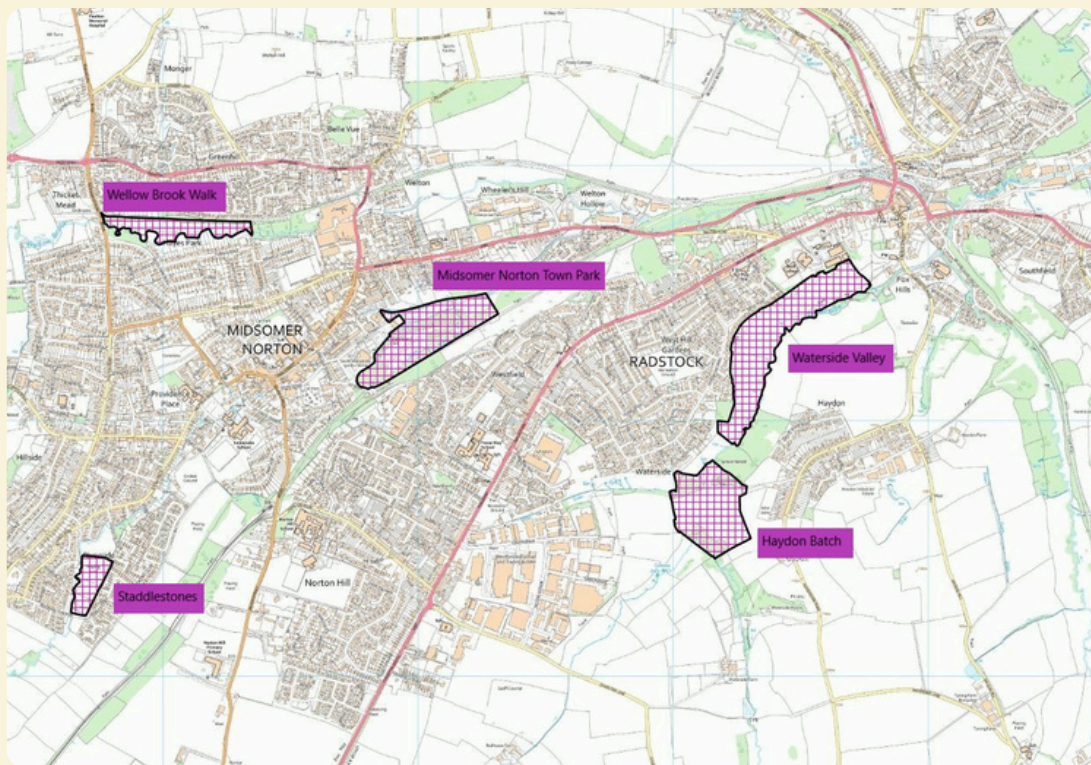


Locations

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 the Somerset Valley Rediscovered lead partners, you will carry out a range of activities throughout the year at each site.

Activities may include:

- grassland connectivity and restoration, managing the scrub to restore and enhance the calcareous grassland
- woodland management to establish a more diverse woodland flora and achieve good habitat status
- monitoring wildlife
- path and entrance improvements

This is a flexible role. Typically, our 4-hour volunteer sessions will take place on a Tuesday or Wednesday.



Who might like this role?

This role may appeal to people who:

- are inspired to conserve and restore the local landscape and our wildlife
- have an interest in exploring and improving greenspaces
- like being outdoors in all types of the weather
- enjoy volunteering as part of a team
- want to learn more about habitat management
- have some experience of practical conservation, or have no experience and want to learn new skills





Benefits of the role

- make a real difference to improving the landscape, habitats, and wildlife of greenspaces within the Somer Valley
- develop knowledge and experience of conservation management techniques
- gain practical hands-on skills of habitat and species management, including using hand tools and species identification
- have access to training sessions and informal skill sharing
- opportunities for formal training for regular volunteers looking to up-skill
- be part of a friendly and dedicated team
- practical conservation is a fantastic opportunity to get some gentle exercise in the fresh air and meet new people
- 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 the habitat management 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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Keep an eye on our website –

www.somervalleyrediscovered.co.uk

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