

# Wilder Land Management Advisor

## At a glance



What?

Wilder Land Management Advisor Travel locally within Somerset



Where?



When?

Ad hoc

***Somerset Wildlife Trust works to protect and restore wildlife on our own nature reserves and in the wider landscape. We need your help to increase the space available for wildlife, and the connectivity between wildlife-welcoming areas. You will be supporting and advising individuals and communities across Somerset who own or manage land primarily for nature and are creating environmentally rich habitat that allows wildlife not only to thrive and spread but also adapt to change.***

## This role helps nature in Somerset by...

As a Wilder Land Management Advisor, you will visit private and community spaces to share your knowledge and give encouraging guidance on how to improve, manage and monitor spaces for wildlife. Some sites may have fairly limited value for wildlife but be ripe for improvement, other sites may be of local significance such as Local (County) Wildlife Sites.

This is an advisory role; you will not be asked to complete practical management tasks or full surveys when visiting sites.

### Where will I be working with?

We receive requests from all over Somerset, but you can choose how far you are willing to travel and which visits you accept. The further you are willing to travel, the more visits will be available for you.

### What is the time commitment?

It's up to you how many requests you accept, and you can arrange these around your other commitments. To get the most out of this role, we recommend aiming to visit a site at least every two months, with a visit taking anywhere between 2 and 5 hours depending on the size. You may receive more requests during spring and summer.

### Who will I be working with?

You will volunteer on your own when undertaking site visits, but you'll meet people who look after a variety of different spaces with a wide range of ecological knowledge. Your key staff contacts will be the Volunteering & Community Support Officer and the Wilder Communities Manager, who will keep you up to date with visit requests. Once a year we will arrange an in-person meeting to discuss outcomes of site visits and general volunteering. You'll also receive invites to volunteer social events where you'll meet other volunteers from across SWT.



## You'll be suited to this role if...

This role would suit someone who has experience in wildlife surveying and management and has a passion for conservation. We are looking for someone who enjoys talking to new people, is personable and encouraging. You'll enjoy getting out and about and exploring a variety of new sites.

This opportunity is ideal for someone who is committed to volunteering but needs a flexible opportunity and may only have a limited amount of time to give each year.

You don't need to be an expert on everything, but we are looking for someone who is able to support landowners and managers to better understand their sites, what they have and how to manage it. You might be a generalist or someone who is particularly knowledgeable on one key area (e.g. woodland management)

We are looking for people who are reliable and responsive. You need to be willing to engage with training and essential administrative tasks including risk assessments and basic reporting, which takes place online. The majority of communications takes place over email, or on social platform, so some basic computer literacy is important. You will need your own transport to deliver this role.

## Tasks that you'll be getting involved in

- Respond to email requests for site visits from the Private & Community Nature Reserve (PCNR) Network and other community groups
- Visit sites to offer encouraging advice on the habitats and species present and support with the development of a site management plan
- Make use of SWTs existing templates and resources to support people, and signpost them to other services where appropriate
- Provide a short write up by email summarising your visit
- Depending on the site, there may be opportunities for a second site visit to follow up with landowners/managers to follow up on the actions suggested from the initial site visit
- You may be invited to support with occasional public events, to give drop-in advice to community members

## What support, training and resources will I receive?

- As a volunteer you will be fully insured and supported. Your key staff contact will explain your tasks and provide you with any additional support you may need to carry out your tasks
- You'll receive invites to volunteer training opportunities and socials. You can feedback at any time if there are training opportunities that you feel would be beneficial.
- You'll receive copies of our land management resources and information on other professional land advice SWT are able to offer individuals and communities
- We will provide any equipment or PPE you may require to carry out your role
- The vast majority of communication takes place over email, but you can request a chat with your key staff contact at any time

## Access and adjustments

We aim to make volunteering at Somerset Wildlife Trust a welcoming and rewarding experience, and build all our roles around meaningful tasks. Please let us know if an adjustment to, communications, practical details or the induction of this role could support you to get involved.



### Can I claim for expenses?

This role is eligible for enhanced expenses. This means you can claim for all travel within Somerset, above the usual cap of 25 miles per day, as long as it is agreed in advance with your Key Staff Contact.

Somerset Wildlife Trust and its subsidiaries acknowledge their duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk and is committed to ensuring its safeguarding practices reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and best practice within the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.  
<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/policies/safeguarding-policy>

Is a DBS check required?	Safeguarding training required?	References required?
No	No	No

