



Volunteer Opportunity Guide in the Hide Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre

Are you knowledgeable about wildlife and birds in particular? Would you enjoy engaging with people to inform them about the wildlife spotted at our hides? You can help us make a difference through interpreting wildlife so that we can create a greater awareness of the beauty and value of the natural world?

Why Northumberland Wildlife Trust needs you?

NWT's aim is to bring people closer to nature so they learn to understand, value and protect it. Part of this plan includes educating people about the fascinating wildlife at our reserves. As a Hide Guide you will help people understand the different species on display, giving them more information about these fantastic creatures. Your knowledge can inspire someone, by giving them knowledge they previously weren't aware of.

What's involved?

- Spending time in our hides engaging with visitors
- Imparting knowledge to visitors about wildlife on and around the site
- Providing information about other wildlife watching experiences around the Druridge Bay area
- Keeping the feeders filled and in good condition
- Promoting the good work of the Trust

What skills, qualities and experience do you need?

- Knowledge of wildlife, particularly birds that frequent the Hauxley Nature Reserve
- Ability to engage with a wide range of public participants and visitors
- Organised and systematic as we will be scheduling content and monitoring impact

If you've been a park ranger, part of a birdwatching group or given guided wildlife talks then we'd love to hear from you.

What you might get out of being involved:

- Joining an enthusiastic team to find new friends and to have fun
- Develop your communications skills
- Making a difference, 'saving the planet' and helping to bring about change to protect the natural world
- Learn more about wildlife

How much time will you be expected to give?

Usually 1 day per week at peak times – Friday/Saturday/Sunday between 10-2 - or during events. Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre is open 10-5 however this may change throughout the winter period.

Other information

- Must be over 18
- Full training will be given
- Vehicle mileage or public transport costs will be refunded
- Option to take part in other opportunities, training and social events within NWT

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