

# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



<b>Volunteer Role / Title</b>
Assistant Badger Watcher
<b>Location</b>
Falls of Clyde, New Lanark
<b>How many volunteers are needed?</b>
We are looking for lots of volunteers!
<b>How many hours per day/per week are you needed?</b>
6:30pm-10pm approx
<b>On which days are you needed?</b>
Thursdays and/or Saturdays from May-Aug each year
<b>On what date do we want you to start?</b>
As soon as possible if you want to get involved before the end of the 2017 season!
<b>End Date</b> (if applicable)
End Aug, but the badger watches will start again May 2018
<b>Minimum commitment we require from you (eg 1 day per week for 6 months).</b>
A minimum of 1 evening per month for the duration
<b>Objective(s) of your role</b>
<p>To assist the Ranger in delivering Badger watching experiences at the Falls of Clyde. Badger watching is one of our most popular activities and is hugely rewarding. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to support the Ranger on our evening Badger Watches and Family Badger Watches.</p> <p>This is the perfect opportunity for people who want to gain experience in assisting with guided walks and/or for people who would like the opportunity to regularly watch badgers.</p>
<b>Tasks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist the Ranger in taking groups of visitors to the sett</li><li>• Be a friendly face and chat with visitors</li><li>• Assist with any shop sales and membership recruitment</li><li>• Carry a torch and be a 'back marker' for the group</li></ul>

<b>Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required</b>
<p>Friendly and approachable</p> <p>Basic knowledge of badgers (not essential)</p> <p>Basic fitness level to be able to walk to the badger sett, the terrain includes steps, uneven ground and some steep paths</p> <p>Happy to be out in adverse weather conditions (cold/rain) &amp; the dark!</p> <p>Enthusiasm for watching badgers and other wildlife</p>
<b>Support/training?</b>
<p>The Rangers will provide information on membership, shop sales and knowledge of badgers and the Falls of Clyde. There may also be the opportunity for volunteers (if they so wished) to lead badgers watches if the Ranger was unavailable.</p>
<b>Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?</b>
<p>Laura Preston <a href="mailto:lpreston@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk">lpreston@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk</a> 01555 665 262</p>
<b>Closing date for applications</b>
<p>Recruitment will be ongoing so please apply at any time!</p>
<b>When will interviews be held?</b>
<p>We will contact you for an informal chat either face to face or by phone.</p>
<b>Can SWT provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?</b>
<p>We will supply branded clothing, badge.</p>
<b>Will you want references for volunteers before appointing or PVG disclosure?</b>
<p>We will check references</p>
<b>Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)</b>
<p>This role would best suit someone over 18</p> <p>Public transport is limited so having a car would be beneficial.</p> <p>This role is offered in partnership with the charity Scottish Badgers. Scottish Wildlife Trust and Scottish Badgers are working together to develop Scotland's national badger hub, based at Scottish Wildlife Trust's Falls of Clyde Reserve in New Lanark. The hub will be a focus for badger information, training, events and volunteering opportunities within South Lanarkshire and beyond.</p>