

Volunteering with...



**Kent
wildlife
Trust**

Sandwich & Pegwell and Ham Fen Team



Come and join our team of four wardens and friendly band of volunteers. All of the wardens started out as volunteer trainees, and now bring a wide range of expertise.

We work together outdoors in all weathers, doing essential work to ensure our nationally important reserves are special places for wildlife. Our volunteers play a vital part in ensuring rare species have a future.

A recent 33-acre extension to Ham Fen has created lots of work so we are looking to expand our existing team of well-established volunteers.

Task Info

Spring & Summer

Path maintenance, beach cleans, thistle cutting, fence repairs, wildlife and flower monitoring

Autumn & Winter

Scrub-bashing, sea buckthorn cutting, reed cutting, coppicing – and often a warming bonfire!

Ham Fen is the last surviving ancient fen in Kent. The introduction of beavers has helped return habitat features crucial for water voles, kingfishers, fish and other aquatic creatures. Only staff and volunteers can visit this closed site.

Sandwich & Pegwell Bay is a National Nature Reserve and a coastal haven of international importance for birds and rare flora. Boasting ancient dunes, sand and shingle, white cliffs and saltmarsh, you can find seals, rare birds, butterflies, and spectacular Lizard orchids here.

Commitment: Our task days are twice a week, and you can do both, come weekly, monthly, or ad-hoc.

Training: Full training is given and you'll only be asked to do work you are comfortable with. There is option to do further training in machinery use or team leading too.

To Apply:

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Before you go:

Task locations can change at short notice so it is important to check in with the warden in advance. Wear old clothes, waterproofs and strong shoes (wellies may be needed). Bring a drink and a packed lunch if you plan to stay all day.

Getting Here:

Ham Fen: Car park opposite Hambrook Farm, Hay Lane, Eastry.

Pegwell Bay: Car park beyond red metal barrier and WW2 pillbox on east side of Sandwich Road, Cliffsend.

Sandwich Bay: Car park on right just before Princes Golf Club lodge, Princes Drive, CT13 9QB.

October

Tues & Thu 9.30am-3pm

Tue 16th Sandwich Bay buckthorn regrowth cutting

Thu 18th Ham Fen footpath and fenceline clearing

Tue 23rd Oct Ham Fen – fence repairs

Thu 25th Oct Sandwich Bay – sea buckthorn

Tue 30th Oct Ham Fen – reed cutting

November

Tue & Thu, 9.30am-3pm

Thu 1st Nov Ham Fen – reed cutting

Tue 6th Nov Pegwell Bay – Pond clearing

Thu 8th Nov Sandwich Bay – sea buckthorn cutting

Tue 13th Nov Sandwich Bay – sea buckthorn cutting

Thu 15th Nov Ham Fen – reed cutting

Tue 27th Nov Pegwell Bay - TASTER DAY come along and have a go, find out more about volunteering with us and meet the team. All are welcome.

December

Tue & Thu, 9.30am-3pm

Sandwich & Pegwell Bay

- Scrub clearance
- Reed cutting
- Beach clean

Check in with the Warden for more detail on these task days.



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