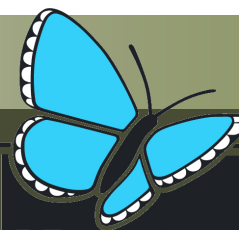


Volunteering with...

Darland Banks Team Gillingham



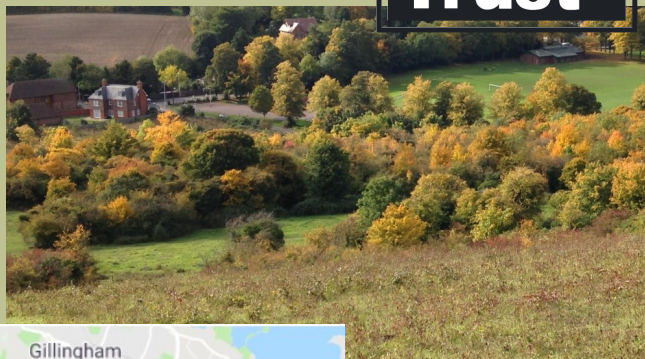
**Kent
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We are an experienced, friendly team with a broad range of interests and skills who love to meet new people and share our knowledge and enthusiasm for this very special 100+ acre urban reserve.

The team is led by Area Warden Alison Ruyter who is often found accompanied by her dog Ida.

Some of our rarest and most threatened species thrive on this restored chalk grassland just a stone's throw from one of Kent's biggest conurbations. The work the volunteer team do is vital to keep it healthy and we can never have too much help.



Task Info

Spring & Early Summer

Surveying the rare wildflowers, managing the footpaths and access points across the reserve

Late Summer

Getting on top of the weeds in some of the newly created areas.

Winter

Cutting and clearing woody regrowth, bonfires and checking on the cattle who carry out conservation grazing.

Why is it important?

Although it is set in the heart of the Medway Towns, almost surrounded by houses, it holds the most amazing variety of specialised wildlife. From Roman snails to Dormice, and Man Orchids to Buzzards there is so much wildlife that depends on this green lung.

Commitment

Every Thursday, join us 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 the option to do further training in machinery use or team leading too.

Join us for a taster session or 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.

Contact:

Alison on 07808 085031 / 01622 662012

Getting Here:

Meet at Tyland Barn ME14 3BD for 9.15am or in the Darland Banks reserve car park off Star Lane ME7 3ER (TQ 786 658) at 10am

Access:

Please contact the Volunteer team to discuss any access requirements.

December

6th – Regrowth in paddock B
13th – Coppicing and path cutting by the Oast
20th – Christmas task – Coppicing down by the Oast
27th – **Happy Holidays. See you all on the 10th of January**

January

3rd – Still on winter break – No task
10th – Pad B, regrowth cutting and clearing
17th – Pad B, regrowth cutting and clearing
24th – Pad B, regrowth cutting and clearing
31st – Pad C, regrowth cutting and clearing

February

07th – Pad C, regrowth cutting and clearing
14th – Pad C, regrowth cutting and clearing
21st – Rides and glades east of Pad A
28th – Pad G, regrowth

March

7th – Pad G, regrowth cutting and clearing
14th – Pad D, regrowth cutting and clearing
21st – Pad D, regrowth cutting and clearing
28th – Pad D, regrowth cutting and clearing

April

4th – Princes bank, path edge cutting
11th – Fence repairs and gateway clearance
18th – Spear thistle rosettes in G
25th – Man Orchid counting



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