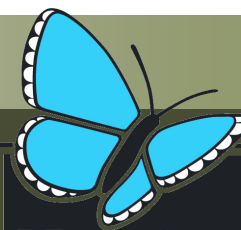


Volunteering with...

Nashenden Down Team

Rochester



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The Nashenden Down Team are a well established group lead by volunteer Team Leader Dave Watson, a long term volunteer .

The team are passionate about looking after one

of KWT's most unique reserves.

Nashenden was created from a vast arable field and this creates some unique tasks as it grows into a mature nature reserve. It also provides the unique opportunity to see nature reclaiming the farmland as the rare mix of habitats is restored.



Task Info

Summer

Controlling aggressive weed species, a legacy from the arable management, and protecting the newly planted trees.

Winter

Coppicing, footpath maintenance and maintaining the ditches and banks along the new hedgerow.

Why is it important?

This reserve is very new. It requires time to settle down. Without your help it could quickly get over run by two or three aggressive species and reduce the extraordinary range of things that have made this site their home in the last few years.

Commitment

First Friday of every month, join us monthly, ad-hoc, or combine with other locations for weekly activities.

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:

Dave Watson 07753 553228 / 01622 662012

Getting Here:

Contact us for meeting point and times

Access:

Please contact the Volunteer team to discuss any access requirements.

07th December

Back into the scrub block to coppice another small patch. The results of our previous efforts are starting to bear fruits as the scrub grows back !

14th December

Christmas task ! Note this is a week earlier than usual to avoid the holiday rush.

04th January

We will be continuing coppicing in the scrub block, improving the habitat for nesting birds, man orchids and wildlife in general.

01st February

This month we will be working on the bank and ditch, selectively cutting and clearing some of the coarser vegetation for the benefit of invertebrates and small mammals.

01st March

Continuing on from last month, maintaining the bank and ditch.

05th April

...And for those who are missing it: we'll be knocking back some of the clematis in the tree planting area before it really gets going !



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