

Volunteering with...

Queendown Warren Team Sittingbourne



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We are a bubbly, enthusiastic group that loves to chat and have a laugh. We sometimes venture out from our home site and support people in the surrounding area with their smaller reserves.

We are led by Assistant Warden Rob Pennington, and have previously won the Environmental Volunteer of the Year Award at the Swale Borough Council Volunteer Awards.

The original site was a rabbit warren in medieval times and this forms the reserve core. Recent extensions include 16 hectares of pasture and 40 hectares of arable land.



Task Info

Summer

Weed control and surveying

Winter

Scrub clearance and coppice

Year round

Running repairs and footpath clearance.
Livestock checking for our grazing animals

Why is it important?

Queendown is one of the best chalk grassland sites in the whole country. Species re-colonisation, seed sowing and grazing are helping restore wildlife-rich habitat to the site. Without the volunteer management this precious site could easily go into decline as so many chalk grasslands across the country have.

Commitment

We meet every week on Tuesdays, join us on a weekly or monthly basis.

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:

Rob Pennington 07772 547 652

Getting Here:

at Tyland Barn for 9.15 or in the Queendown reserve car park off Warren Lane (TQ 827 629) at 10am for all tasks

Access:

Please contact the Volunteer team to discuss any access requirements.

December

04th – West Bank Top of Quarry Path widening

11th – Main Bank Strimming

18th – Potters Wood Galdes and Norway Maple, Christmas Task

25th – **Happy Holidays, Tasks resume on 8th January**

January

01st – Happy Holidays

08th – West Bank Regrowth Cutting Top

15th – West Bank Regrowth Cutting Bottom

22nd – Main Bank Regrowth

29th – Wouldham Coppice

February

05th – Wouldham Coppice

12th – Wouldham Coppice

19th – Stockbury Woods

26th – Extension Three care

March

05th – Pond Strimming

12th – Potters Wood Coppice

19th – Potters Wood Coppice

26th – Potters Wood Coppice

April

02nd – West Bank Rabbit Exclusion Trial Area

09th – Post and rail in Potters Wood

16th – Early Spider Orchid Hunt (May change weeks due to seasonal variances)

23rd – Fencing Material

30th – Top field Regrowth Cut and Treat



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