

Volunteering with...



**Kent
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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.



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.

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!

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.

Spring & Summer Tasks

Tues & Thu 9.30am-3pm

Restoring fence lines in our new extension to Ham Fen

Management of Thistles

Pathway maintenance at Ham Fen and Stonelees

Installing new signs around our reserves

CoastLife Citizen Science

Last year we launched an exciting long-term study to monitor bird disturbance at Sandwich and Pegwell Bay. Whilst enjoying a walk along the coastline, volunteers are collecting valuable data that will help us better protect our coastal birds and their habitats.

Why is it important?

Sandwich & Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve is host to high numbers of migratory, overwintering and breeding birds. The site is very popular with visitors but an increase in recreational activities has had an impact on wildlife.

What's in it for you?

Full training provided
Work on your own
Flexible weekly shifts
Make a real difference for wildlife
Option to work with community engagement or join practical tasks

How can you apply?

Contact Agostina Campodonico at 07803 625613 or by email at agostina.campodonico@kentwildlife.org.uk
You can find out more about the role <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities/coastlife-citizen-science>



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