

Volunteering with...

Nashenden Down Team

Rochester



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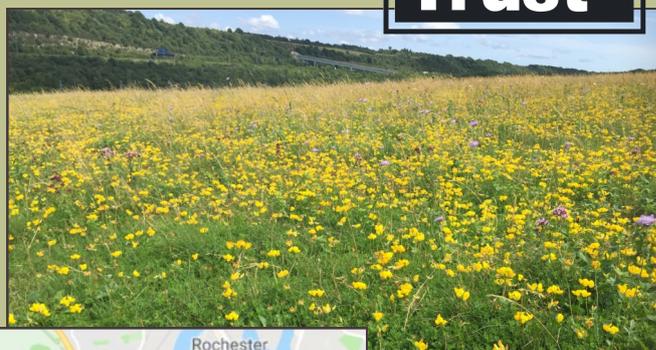


The Nashenden Down Team are a well established group lead by volunteer Team Leader Dave Watson, a long term volunteer .

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.

01st November

Full width cut and clear of the footpath and margin from the plantation to Well Dell. Pond tidy and birch control in Well Dell.

Extra task 15th November.

6th September – Bank and Ditch
Topping some of the coarser vegetation along the hedgerow, bank and ditch to maintain the mixed age structure that is so beneficial to a wide range of species.
Extra Task 20th September.

04th October
Strimming and clearing long grass on the Burial Mound, the footpath and viewpoint in the tree plantation. Almost like a slow guided walk carrying tools!
Extra task 18th October.

06th December

Into the scrub block to strim and clear the glades, and do a little enlargement.
Extra task - 13th December (earlier than usual!) - Christmas Task

Please contact the warden (Dave Watson) on (07753) 553 228 or Keeley in the office on (01622) 662 012 for more information or to check for last minute changes to task details.



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