



Butterfly Surveyor Volunteer

When: 1st April – 30th September annually

Where: Multiple site options available within Abingdon, Wallingford and Didcot.

What does the role involve?

- Walking a set transect route and recording the number and species of butterflies you see.
- Visit the site regularly from April to September as part of a rota system.
- Follow set route and methodology.
- Report data to UKBMS (United Kingdom Butterfly Monitoring Scheme) website after each visit and to Earth Trust at the end of the season.

What attitudes, skills and experience do I need?

- Enjoy spending time outdoors.
- Butterfly identification skills ideal but not essential.
- Interest in wildlife.
- Surveying experience helpful but not essential.

Why Earth Trust needs you:

Butterflies are a valuable indicator species which means that their numbers can often tell us about the state of their habitats. By collecting more data on butterfly population we are hoping to understand more about how the habitats we manage are changing over time and in response to factors such as climate change, pollution and urban development.

What's in it for you?

- Opportunity to develop butterfly identification skills.
- Help contribute data towards the UK Butterfly Monitoring scheme which provides valuable information about the invertebrate populations in the UK.
- Enjoy being outdoors and walking around our beautiful sites.
- Volunteering and survey experience which is valuable for careers in conservation.

How Earth Trust will support you:

- Butterfly recording training session provided if required.
- Induction to site and transect route with staff area lead.

- Transect route maps and descriptions, methodology, recording forms and risk assessments provided.
- Reference materials provided.
- Support from staff area lead as and when needed.

What to do next if you want to apply or need more information

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