



## Community Warden volunteer

### What does the role involve?

Earth Trust manages greenspaces across South Oxfordshire including five community reserves in and around Wallingford, Didcot and Abingdon. As a community warden, you will be:

### Surveying your local reserve

Walking round your local Earth Trust green space you will be keeping an eye out for any broken reserve furniture, flooding, fallen trees etc. and reporting what you find back to Earth Trust via an easy to use online form.

### Litter picking

At Earth Trust, all of our community wardens are also issued with a litter picker and bin bags. Armed with these you will be able to pick up any litter you see on your walk through the community reserve, it's vital to keep wildlife safe.

This role is ideal for people who have a keen eye for detail and can be taken on by anyone over the **age of 14**. It can be used to complete the volunteering section of the **Bronze** or **Silver DofE** award.

**Time required:** 1 hour at any time, any day

**Frequency:** Weekly

**Tasks:** Survey local community reserves for damage, path obstructions, fallen trees and litter picking.

**Location:** Could be any of the following locations

- Wallingford Castle Meadows, **OX10 8LG**
- Wallingford Riverside Meadows, **OX10 8EA**
- Didcot Mowbray Fields, **OX11 8SU**
- Abingdon Abbey Fishponds, **OX14 3XW**
- Abingdon Thrupp Lake, **OX14 3NG**
- Wittenham Clumps, **OX14 4QZ**

## What skills and experience do you need?

No skills or previous experience is required for any of our young volunteer roles. However the following attributes may be useful:

- A **passion** for being outdoors in nature
- An eye for **detail**
- A **friendly** and **welcoming** attitude as there will always be members of the public out on our community reserves

## What support will you receive?

As a community warden you will attend an induction session run by your volunteer lead during which **role training** will be given as well as a **health & safety** brief. Litter pickers, bin bags and lanyards will also be handed out during this session.

Our **young person's coordinator** will also be in regular contact if there are any issues or if any additional support is required. A contact email and number for Earth Trust will be issued in the case of an emergency.

## About the team

Earth Trust's land management team are essential for ensuring our green spaces remain safe and diverse. Our experienced team of rangers could be doing anything from newt surveys to hedge laying, a truly varied team.

## Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteer Officer, Nicola Williams.

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