



Stock Watcher Volunteer

What does the role involve?

Tuckmill Meadows have cattle to help with the management of the site. We are looking for volunteer stock-watchers to keep an eye on them. We want to ensure that they are happy, healthy and have everything they need, each and every day.

The role involves visiting Tuckmill Meadows and finding the three Dexter cattle which reside there (this should be quite easy with a smartphone as they are wearing GPS collars), checking that they happy grazing or resting, have no visible injuries and have access to water and letting us know if there are any concerns.

This role does not involve getting up close and personal with the cows, it's a visual check from a distance.

Time required:	A walk around the site to look for the cattle and check them could take between 15-45 minutes.
Frequency:	Ideally one day a week but can be flexible.
Tasks:	Find the cattle, check behaviour and for injuries, check water supply.
Location:	Tuckmill Meadows, Shrivenham, Swindon SN6 8EX

What skills and experience do you need?

We thrive on your enthusiasm for Earth Trust's work and mission!

This role does not require previous experience as we provide a full induction, but the following skills and attributes would make you particularly suited for this role:

- Experience of working with livestock
- Enjoy being outdoors in all weathers
- Motivated and able to work independently

What support you will receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook & Safety Guide and are invited to Insight sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers as well as learning and development events across the year.

You will be supported by Earth Trust's land management team and have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training on safety around livestock, what to look out for and how we manage our grazing.

Stock-watchers will report to Tim Read, the Countryside Manager at the Earth Trust and there will be an optional Whatsapp group if you would like to communicate with other stock-watcher volunteers.

Our community

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteering and Culture Manager, Nicola Frost

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