

Norfolk County Wildlife Action Community Wildlife Surveyor



What's it all about?

As part of Norfolk County Wildlife Action (a new Heritage Lottery funded project) volunteers will be trained and supported by Norfolk Wildlife Trust to carry out plant surveys and create a habitat map for a specific County Wildlife Site or churchyard.

What will I actually be doing?

Initially you will be asked to attend a 3-hour workshop with the project officers to learn about the project and how to carry out the plant and habitat surveys (you will have 6 dates to pick from, so hopefully you will find one that suits you). Then if you decide you want to be a community surveyor you will pick the site you would like to be connected to. Once the location has been picked a date will be booked for you to meet a Norfolk Wildlife Trust member of staff or mentor to carry out an initial plant survey on your site.

After the initial plant survey we would like you to revisit the site on your own or with another volunteer over the summer to identify any plants or other wildlife that may have been missed on the first visit. At the end of the summer we will ask you to send the completed survey forms to your NWT project officer.

Is this right for me?

We are looking for people with an enthusiasm for wildlife conservation in Norfolk. You don't need to be an expert, but an interest in wildlife and a basic knowledge of wildflowers would be beneficial. Most important is your interest in learning how to carry out a plant and habitat survey and to improve your skills in wildflower identification.

You will be able to choose which of the 50 sites you would like to be connected to, but please be aware you will need to be able to travel to your chosen site

Where will I be volunteering?

This is a two-year project, starting in 2016, which looks to survey 70 County Wildlife Sites and 30 churchyards in total. We would like you to pick one local site to survey. If you enjoy it and want to take on more sites we would be happy to discuss this with you later on.



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How much time will I have to give?

The minimum commitment is to visit your site at least one more time after the initial first survey between May and August, but ideally we would like you to make monthly visits to your chosen site during the spring and summer.

Will I get any training?

Through the project free training workshops will be provided to help volunteers improve their plant identification skills and habitat management knowledge (attendance optional). There will also be opportunity to learn identification skills on site with NWT staff and mentors.

What support will I get?

Norfolk Wildlife Trust will be on hand to help you with wildlife identification skills, both on a one to one basis and through our Wildlife Information Service. Through the project we will also be able to cover any travel expenses you incur and give you the opportunity to take part in a tailor-made training programme to help you improve your plant identification skills.

What's the next step?

Drop **Gemma Walker (Project Officer)** an email (gemmaw@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk) and she will be in touch to arrange for you to attend a 3-hour introduction session during April or early May.



I would like to submit other wildlife sightings on the chosen county wildlife sites and churchyards. How can I do this?

At the end of March 2016 an online recording form will go live that will allow you to submit wildlife sightings for our chosen county wildlife sites and churchyards. Through just a couple of clicks you can let us know what you see and help us build a picture of these important local wildlife sites.



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Finding out more:

- [What is a County Wildlife Site?](#)
- [What is NWT's Churchyard Conservation Scheme?](#)



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