

Volunteer Role Description; Volunteer History Ranger

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About Transforming the Trent Valley

The Transforming the Trent Valley (TTTV) landscape partnership is a National Lottery Heritage Fund supported project, with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust as the lead partner, and 18 other partner organisations working together to create “wildlife-rich waterways and wetlands at the heart of a resilient, accessible, beautiful and culturally rich landscape. Creating a brighter future for people, business and wildlife in the Trent Valley.”

The TTTV landscape Partnership will run from 2019-2023.

Objectives of Role

The role of Volunteer History Rangers is to visit and carry out surveys of heritage sites and 20th Century military buildings (particularly pillboxes) in the TTTV landscape; as the project progresses to be involved in works to restore, conserve and maintain many of these sites and to work with the Cultural Heritage Officer to identify suitable sites for survey and works.

Tasks and Activities to be undertaken

Carry out surveys of a variety of historic sites across the TTTV landscape, using photography, observation and measurements; recording the results of these surveys.

Assisting the Cultural Heritage Officer in identifying and gaining access suitable sites for survey and practical works.

Working with other volunteers to carry out practical works to maintain, restore and conserve sites, using hand tools. Tasks could include:

- Clearing vegetation
- Fencing sites to protect from damage
- Carrying out work to re-purpose old buildings (such as wartime pillboxes) for new uses

N.B. There may be lone working involved at times.

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Delivery of the TTTV projects, “Transforming the Trent Valley’s Heritage” and “Stop! The military legacy of the Trent Valley.”

Reporting to

Senior Cultural Heritage Officer.

Location and volunteering hours

The role will be coordinated from the TTTV office in Rugeley but volunteers will be working at various sites and will, if necessary as their role develops, be able to work from home if appropriate. Hours will be flexible, to be negotiated between the volunteer and the Cultural Heritage Officer.

How the role fits in with the work of the organisation

The TTTV project has a wide remit and involves a number of different partner organisations which at times the Cultural Heritage team will work with and alongside.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is the lead partner in the TTTV project. As such, Volunteer History Rangers will be a part of the Wildlife Trust and covered by its insurance and policies.

Expectations of behaviour and dress

Volunteers are expected to act as ambassadors for the Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership and for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Friendliness, helpfulness, courtesy and professionalism are our watchwords.

Clothing should be suitable for the task being undertaken, bearing in mind that tasks will normally happen outdoors and the weather forecast should be taken into account when choosing clothing for the day.

Skills and qualifications

Ability to read and write and do simple sums and calculations. The ability to use computers and mobile phones would be an advantage.

Required person specifications

You should be enthusiastic and interested in history and heritage; wildlife and the countryside; adaptable to different circumstances and you should take pride in your work.

For further details about this volunteer role, please contact;

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