



# BUSINESS EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEER TASK DAY OPPORTUNITIES



## Why not motivate your staff by taking part in employee volunteering opportunities?

Many companies find our corporate volunteering days offer fantastic team-building and staff development opportunities. These days give your staff the chance to take part in important conservation work on our glorious nature reserves. Whether it is an informal team-building day or simply the chance for your staff to get together and put something back into the community, we always welcome extra pairs of hands.

Typically these days run from autumn to early spring and could involve scrub bashing, reedfen raking, clearing young birch and bracken, building bonfires or ragwort pulling.

### The Trust

The Sussex Wildlife Trust was formed in 1961, and is now the largest conservation organisation dedicated to conserving the natural heritage of Sussex

The aim of the Sussex Wildlife Trust is to conserve the Sussex landscape, wildlife, and its habitats, and to use its knowledge and expertise to help the people of Sussex to enjoy, understand and take action to this end.

The Trusts renowned schools programme, together with an extensive programme of courses and events enables people to understand and respect the habitats and wildlife in Sussex. We speak out and are listened to on all the major environmental issues that impact on life in Sussex. We work with landowners, local and national bodies to achieve a better environment within which the economy can thrive and at a local level with people in villages and towns enabling them to manage a local green space for wildlife.

The Trust is an important information centre on habitat, wildlife and conservation issues. 'WildCall' is a telephone information service for anyone with a query on conservation, from a concern about a planning application to what to do with an injured wild animal. The Trust houses the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre which holds over 1,000,000 species records across Sussex.

### Sussex Wildlife Trust Reserves



To help you consider the options our website has more information about the reserves.  
<http://www.sussexwt.org.uk/reserves/index.htm>

## Task Day Calendar 2010

| Date                        | Places Requested | Reserve                   | Task              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Wednesday 22 September 2010 | 15               | Ebernoe                   | Woodland Clearing |
| Wednesday 13 October 2010   | 15               | Stedham Common            | Birch Clearance   |
| Wednesday 27 October 2010   | 15               | Filsham Reedbeds          | Scrub Clearing    |
| Wednesday 17 November 2010  | 15               | Flatropers Woods          | Wood Coppicing    |
| Wednesday 01 December 2010  | 15               | Stedham Common            | Birch Clearance   |
| Wednesday 08 December 2010  | 15               | Filsham Reedbeds          | Scrub Clearing    |
| Thursday 09 December 2010   | 15               | Malling Down / Southerham | Scrub Clearing    |
| Wednesday 12 January 2011   | 15               | Filsham Reedbeds          | Scrub Clearing    |
| Thursday 20 January 2011    | 15               | Malling Down / Southerham | Scrub Clearing    |
| Wednesday 26 January 2011   | 15               | Levin Down                | Scrub Clearing    |
| Thursday 17 February 2011   | 15               | Malling Down / Southerham | Scrub Clearing    |
| Wednesday 23 February 2011  | 15               | Levin Down                | Scrub Clearing    |
| Wednesday 09 March 2011     | 15               | Levin Down                | Scrub Clearing    |

To book places contact Mark Anscombe on 01273 497522 or [markanscombe@sussexwt.org.uk](mailto:markanscombe@sussexwt.org.uk)

### Costs

Volunteering with SWT is a valuable source of man-power for us and we welcome all who can commit their time and energy. However, the Trust does incur costs and to cover this we apply a donation of £40 per person per day. Higher level Corporate Members receive preferential and even complimentary places. Ask Mark Anscombe for more details.

### A Few Other Important Things to Remember

Volunteers will be expected to make their own way to the reserve to arrive at 9.30am. Car sharing is encouraged as many of our sites do not have designated car parks. Our reserves tend to be quite remote; there are unlikely to be cafés, shops or lavatories nearby. Wellies, old warm clothes, a packed lunch and a thermos of tea are common essentials to bring. Most activities will go ahead in rain, wind and sometimes even sunshine. The day normally ends at around 3.00pm.

Above all, we hope you will enjoy volunteering with the Sussex Wildlife Trust.