

Welcome to the

Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens help to look after the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

They are the important voluntary arm of the Cotswolds Conservation Board



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Thank you for expressing an interest in the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens who help to look after the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

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Please read the information provided and complete the application form if you can give eight hours of your time a month. In return you will receive training, support and a sense of achievement.

ACTIVITIES

Working in your parish

Voluntary Wardens are a vital link between the Conservation Board and local people. Work involves liaising with parish councils, farmers, local people and visitors. You will help to conserve and enhance the landscape of the Cotswolds and maintain some of the public rights of way.

An immensely satisfying job that requires tact, patience and perseverance.

Guided walks

Voluntary Wardens plan and lead hundreds of guided walks and other events throughout the year. They are relaxed and informative introductions to many aspects of the Cotswolds, including heritage, folklore and wildlife.

Work parties

Work parties are the voluntary 'muscle' of the AONB, working on access and conservation projects. This could include planting trees, laying hedges, restoring historic features, working on dry stone walls, clearing ponds, putting up bat boxes and maintaining rare limestone grassland. Work parties help keep footpaths and bridleways open, replace stiles with gates, build and repair footbridges, clear undergrowth and waymark paths.

Promotion and events

Voluntary Wardens are often the public face of the Conservation Board at a local level. Wardens are involved in mounting and staffing displays at shows and events, giving talks, distributing literature and working with the local media.

Education

An immensely rewarding opportunity for Wardens to work with schools, introducing children to the importance of the Cotswolds and their environment.

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VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Responsible to:

Cotswolds Conservation Board's Volunteer Co-ordinator

Purpose of the role:

The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was designated in 1966 under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens were established in 1968 to support and achieve the aims of this designation. They give more than 35,000 hours of their time each year to conserve and enhance the Cotswolds.

Key responsibilities

1. To give a minimum of eight hours per month as a Cotswold Voluntary Warden, recording these hours on the relevant form and providing this information to the district Co-ordinator, on a quarterly basis.
2. To maintain and develop good working relationships with farmers, landowners, local communities, local authorities and other organisations while carrying out voluntary work.
3. To welcome and liaise with the public, providing information and guidance.
4. To be aware of the needs of all members of the community.
5. To comply with Health and Safety regulations; taking into consideration those working with you and members of the public. Potential hazards, accidents and other relevant issues must be reported to the Conservation Board office immediately.
6. To maintain machinery and equipment in good working order.
7. To attend introductory workshops and relevant training courses every three years.
8. To attend quarterly meetings of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens and other committee and activity meetings.
9. To undertake other appropriate wardening duties as may be reasonably requested.

Expenses

Mileage costs and committee expenses can be reimbursed.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname	
Forenames	
Title	Date of birth ____/____/____
Address	
Telephone number: Day	Postcode
	Evening
Mobile number	Fax
Email address	
Emergency contact details	

Do you have eight hours per month to offer as a Voluntary Warden?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you any restricted health factors?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state		
How did you hear of the Voluntary Wardens?		
Are you a member of any other volunteering group?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state		
Do you hold a current driving licence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have the use of a car?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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ABOUT YOU

What activities interest you? please tick one or more of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Liaising with parishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion and events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guided walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |

Please outline your relevant training skills and experience

CONVICTIONS

Have you been convicted of a criminal offence*? Yes No

If yes, please give details

**Convictions which are deemed spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) need not be disclosed*

Thank you for completing this form. Any information provided will be treated as confidential

Declaration

I confirm the above information to be correct and acknowledge that an untruthful statement made by me will prejudice my application, and if appointed, may result in my dismissal.

Signature

Date

Please send your completed form to:

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