

Conservation Volunteer

We are currently recruiting conservation volunteers at:

Holyrood Park

For more information phone 0131 652 8150 or email rangers@hes.scot

Role of a Conservation Volunteer

We are looking for Conservation Volunteers to provide support to our dynamic Ranger Service in undertaking a variety of biodiversity surveys and practical conservation tasks. Practical tasks include invasive species control and gorse management and surveys include monitoring rare and endangered plants and animals.

There is no minimum time commitment for Conservation Volunteers and no prior experience is necessary: all tools are provided as well as on the spot training. Conservation Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend various training events throughout the year.

About Historic Environment Scotland

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is a Non-Departmental Public Body and is responsible for safeguarding the nation's historic environment, and promoting its understanding and enjoyment. Our main office is in Edinburgh but we also have staff, properties, monument conservation units and regional offices spread across Scotland.

Volunteer specification

To successfully contribute to our programme of surveys and practical tasks we are looking for individuals who:

- Are approachable, friendly and enthusiastic.
- Can work in a team.
- Are able to take, and act on, instructions including health and safety procedures.

Individuals must be happy to volunteer outdoors and in inclement weather and be able to bring full waterproofs and sturdy shoes with good grips and ankle support (walking boots are ideal). Volunteers are fully supported by our Volunteer Co-ordinator. HES currently does not reimburse travel expenses.

Registration process

If you are over 18, fit the specification, are interested in volunteering for the Ranger Service please email or phone (address and number above) to arrange your first survey date. There is no application process for this role.

Additional information

We are committed to continually improving our service, and feedback about our volunteer programme and its participants may be sought at our events and sites from volunteers, staff and visitors.

Due to the nature of the site full access is not always possible for those with mobility challenges or disabilities and there may be aspects of the role which are unsuitable. Please get in touch to discuss any further matters relating to a volunteer role with Historic Environment Scotland Ranger Service and we will be happy to advise.