

Conservation Volunteering Opportunities with Newark and Sherwood District Council

Park volunteers

We offer conservation volunteering opportunities at four country parks and woods.

- Sconce and Devon Park in Newark
- Vicar Water Country Park in Clipstone
- Sherwood Heath near Ollerton
- Intake Wood in Clipstone

Our park rangers George and Matt work with volunteers each week for anyone who wishes to get involved on a regular basis. In addition volunteers are always welcome to come along whenever they have time or for one-off special projects. Additional help is always very welcome. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm! We offer opportunities to Duke of Edinburgh students and support anyone wishing to learn new skills.

Tasks will vary from scrub bashing, fencing, visitor surveys, repairing footpaths, woodland thinning and habitat building, removing invasive species, wildlife monitoring, litter-picking and tree/hedge planting and so there is something for everyone!.

Full training and tools will be provided but please bring suitable old outdoor clothing and stout footwear. Any hours and days that you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Friends of the parks

Each of our parks also has a 'friends group'. The friends volunteer their time to meet up regularly, usually once a month and help us manage and maintain the parks and wood. This may involve providing us with feedback and giving us ideas for improvements, fundraising for new projects, helping with park events, helping to plant trees or simply joining us for walks and wildlife surveys. The friends groups are free to join and as the name suggests they are very friendly. New friends are always very welcome.

For information on volunteering with the district council's parks team please contact Matt and George our park rangers.

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