

Why I Volunteer



Bill Watkins (left) has been volunteering at Severn Valley Country Park since 1996. He has shared some of the reasons why he enjoys volunteering:

“Outdoor volunteering promotes a healthy lifestyle and a wonderful sense of wellbeing. The work provides fitness through gentle exercise and a feeling that you have made a great contribution to the environment. There are so many opportunities to study the natural history and to learn more about the species of plants, animals and creatures which live at the park.

I feel that volunteering has provided me with the huge sense of satisfaction which far outweighs my time and effort.

I can thoroughly recommend it.”



Photograph courtesy of Bill Watkins

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Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnerships Team manage 2 country parks, 23 countryside sites and are responsible for all the Public Rights of Way within the county. This would not be possible without the support and dedication of many groups of local volunteers who come together to maintain, improve and promote these places for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteer Ranger: Help maintain the outdoor spaces you love by carrying out practical conservation work. Protect wildlife and their habitats while encouraging other people to enjoy their local greenspaces.

Parish Path Partnerships: Help manage over 5,500km of Public Rights of Way in Shropshire. Work done by volunteers significantly improves the local walking and riding network.

Walking for Health Leader: Help encourage others to get outdoors and get active by becoming a walk leader or back marker.

Education and Events Volunteers: Help our rangers with school visits, running events or researching history of our countryside sites.

If you are interested in finding out more or trying a taster session with existing volunteers, please email outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk.



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Building new fencing



Hedge laying



Maintaining fencing



Path improvements



Tree coppicing



Installing new gates

Volunteer in Shropshire's Great Outdoors to meet new people, learn new skills, improve your fitness and wellbeing and help maintain the places you love!

You can join an existing group of volunteers to take practical action to look after our wonderful outdoor greenspaces.

A number of volunteer groups regularly meet at sites in South Shropshire. These include:

Donnington and Albrighton Nature Reserve

Eardington Nature Reserve

Lyth Hill Countryside Site

Stanmore Country Park

Severn Valley Country Park

Training and equipment will be provided and you decide how much time you can commit.

For more information about joining one or more of these groups, please email outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01746 781 192 to speak to a volunteer co-ordinator.

You can also find information about volunteering opportunities at all Outdoor Partnerships sites across Shropshire at www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk