

South West Peak Landscape Partnership

Volunteer Role Description



Date completed: 02/05/2018

By: Ashley Deane, Slowing the Flow Project Manager.

To be reviewed: when required

Volunteer role title	Slowing the Flow Conservation Volunteer
Purpose of your role	<p>An exciting opportunity to become part of the Slowing the Flow volunteer team which aims to deliver Natural Flood Management across the landscape for the benefit of wildlife, people and flood alleviation.</p> <p>Natural Flood Management utilises the natural functioning of the landscape to work at the source of our rivers and streams to help tackle the issue of flooding. By delivering Slowing the Flow interventions we aim to restore our headwaters and reduce peak flow downstream during critical flood events.</p> <p>This volunteer opportunity is for those interested in practical conservation and delivering Natural Flood Management. You'll have the opportunity to help install large woody debris leaky dams, build temporary storage zones, woodland creation and restoration as well as restoring the natural function of our headwaters, streams and rivers. Working in teams across the South West Peak, you'll have a keen sense of adventure, be highly motivated and enjoy working with others in the outdoors to help deliver Slowing the Flow.</p>
Location of position	Variable- across the South West Peak within the headwaters of the rivers: Dane, Dean, Bollin, Goyt, Dove, Manifold, Churnet, Hamps
Responsible to	Ashley Deane, Slowing the Flow Project Manager
Volunteer responsibilities	<p>Volunteer responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the project manager in delivering Slowing the Flow project targets • Assisting with installing interventions • Assisting with habitat creation and restoration
Essential skills you would need for the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate, committed and enthusiastic • Practical skills or the desire to learn new skills • Friendly and approachable nature; enjoys working with other volunteers and engaging with the public • Reliable, proactive and able to use initiative • A passion for British wildlife and conservation land management • A desire to want to make a difference and help contribute towards alleviating flood risk • Reasonable level of fitness to access some of the more remote sites
Desirable skills that will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chainsaw qualifications

assist you in the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in using small machinery and hand tools
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us	No set periods- work will be subject to consents but will be communicated in advance via the Project Manager. You can come to as many or a few of the working party days as you wish.
Start date	Subject to consents per job but you can register now so that when opportunities arise you can be informed.
End date	Ongoing (until end of 2021)
Minimum age	18+
Driving licence required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving licence plus access to transport OR able to get lifts to work sites. Working will vary across the South West Peak so it's essential to be able to get to the work sites.
Has the DBS Risk Assessment for the role been completed?	N/A
Training and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool talks/demonstration/guidance in use • Slowing the Flow attenuation feature installation training • Tree planting
Reimbursement of expenses	<p>Out of pocket travel expenses can be reimbursed for travel to and from your place of volunteering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage costs @ 40p per mile cars (24p/mile motorbikes, 20p/mile pedal cycles up to a maximum of £10 per journey. • Bus and train tickets will be reimbursed only upon receipt of ticket/proof of purchase. <p>Please note that if you use your own vehicle whilst driving on behalf of the SWPLP, you will need to provide evidence of business insurance and MOT.</p>
Benefits to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to reducing flood risk • Learn new skills • Develop skills in tool use for conservation • Meet new people • Physical and mental wellbeing • Be part of a landscape scale conservation project
Application Process	Apply online using the application form available here: http://www.southwestpeak.co.uk/contact/volunteering