

Role	Youth Forum member
Location	Various locations in Shropshire, with remote options
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<p>About this role</p> <p>Shropshire Wildlife Trust's youth forum is open to people aged 16-30 who live, work, or study in Shropshire.</p> <p>This role is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, learn more about nature, develop your skills, and influence the work of the Trust.</p> <p>Our Youth Forum aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure the views and voices of young people are included in work that we do - Connect young people across Shropshire to spend time in nature together - Raise awareness of the benefits to wellbeing of spending time in nature - Engage local communities and organisations to show the value of involving young people in their work - Build leadership skills, practical skills, and awareness of green career opportunities <p>We typically meet once a month, alternating between in-person and online. In person meetings are typically held on the last of the month, with an option to join online where possible. Online meetings on Microsoft Teams on either the last Monday or the last Thursday of the month from 6-7.30pm.</p> <p>As a youth forum member, you'll have a chance to get involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field trips to SWT nature reserves and other sites of interest - Contributing to reports on a particular focus area, relevant to the interests of Youth Forum members - Writing pieces for the SWT members' magazine - Creating content for social media - Suggesting events and activities that SWT should run for young people - Fundraising for specific youth activities - Supporting our local branches across Shropshire <p>The forum is run by our youth engagement officers, Jen Allerton and Benjamin Jamieson, but you'll also engage with other members of the SWT team and our local branches.</p> <p>Once a year, youth forum members will be invited to a meeting with our Board of Trustees to feed back on the focus area they have been discussing and gathering views on.</p> <p>We ask youth forum members to commit to being part of the group for at least six months, and to attend as many of meetings as possible.</p> <p>Once you are enrolled, you can be a member of the youth forum for up to three years, or until your 31st birthday.</p>

Please note, if you are under 18 at the point of registering, you will need parental permission to take part – please contact us on youth@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk before applying.

Perks and benefits

By being part of the youth forum you will have the opportunity to:

- Develop transferable skills and practical skills
- Build experience and insight into the work of a conservation charity, which can benefit your CV
- Meet other young people passionate about protecting nature
- Form networks and connections with green organisations and professionals
- Attend field trips and social events
- Learn more about wildlife conservation

We can also provide branded clothing for Youth Forum members.

Skills you'll need

No prior experience or qualifications are required for this role.

We are looking for people who:

- Are interesting in protecting nature and wildlife
- Want to find out more about how a conservation charity works
- Are keen to share their views and opinions as a young person

We'll ask you to read and adhere to our safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, and our volunteer code of conduct. You'll receive a copy of these when you apply.

At Shropshire Wildlife Trust, we're committed to building a diverse and inclusive team where everyone is welcome. If you're worried you don't have quite the right skills, might not be able to participate in all activities, or need any support or adjustments to the role, have a chat with us and we'll do everything we can to help you volunteer.

Travel information

We don't want travel to be a barrier to anyone interested in taking part in our activities. We can arrange transport or cover the costs of public transport wherever possible.

Some of our meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams, so ideally you would have an internet connected device from which you can access these meetings. If internet access is a barrier, please chat to our team so that we can support you to take part.

In-person sessions, field trips and social events may take place in different locations across Shropshire. If you don't drive or have access to a car, we can arrange transport from nearby train stations, or central locations such as our visitor centre at Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.