

Role	Butterfly Monitoring Volunteer
Location	Shropshire Wildlife Trust nature reserves
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<p>About this role</p> <p>A measure of quality for our nature reserves is how well they're supporting wildlife, and we're taking action to target specific species, such as endangered butterflies. As a volunteer, you will help us do this by performing surveys to count butterfly species along specified routes through nominated nature reserves. We will provide training on how to identify butterflies and how to record sightings in a scientific manner that will provide a year-on-year view of local populations.</p> <p>The surveys would be when the adult butterflies are flying, between May and August, in the following reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Shropshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dolgoch (Oswestry) o Llanymynech Rocks (Oswestry) o Llyncllys Common (Oswestry) o Jones' Rough (Oswestry) o Prees Heath East (Whitchurch) - East Shropshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Ercall (Telford) - South Shropshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cramer Gutter (Cleobury Mortimer) - West Shropshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nipstone (Stiperstones) o Brook Vessons (Stiperstones) <p>The surveys can be carried out either independently or as a team of volunteers, and across as few or as many reserves as you like.</p>

<p>Perks and benefits</p> <p>Butterfly survey volunteers will enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning to identify (and see!) some of our rarer butterflies - Training from butterfly conservation experts on how to scientifically survey - Working and socialising with similar minded volunteers - A purposeful walk through our nature reserves
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<p>Skills you'll need</p> <p>No prior experience is required. We're looking for people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are interested in butterflies (no specific expertise needed, we'll train you on how to tell the difference between the more similar species)

- Have good mobility and eyesight (it may involve chasing butterflies with a net!)
- Can access one or more of the nature reserves listed earlier
- Are confident in following a process and making careful notes
- Are computer literate to the level of putting results into a file that can be uploaded or emailed to us

FOR ALL ROLES:

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

Volunteers are asked to make their own way to reserves, although if teams can be established car-pooling might be possible.