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## Spalford Warren Action Group (SWAG) volunteer

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**Role title:** Spalford Warren Action Group (SWAG) volunteer

**Team/Group:** Nature Recovery (north)

**Your volunteer leader:** Northern Reserves Ranger

**Volunteering base:** Spalford Warren nature reserve

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### Why we need this role

Spalford Warren is a beautiful heathland, acid grassland and woodland nature reserve, located between the villages of Girton and Spalford (suckle.detained.intruders).

It is designated as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) for the rare habitats it contains and the species that rely on it, including plants, moths, fungi, insects and reptiles. Therefore, it is vital it receives regular maintenance from a team of dedicated practical conservation volunteers to keep it in top condition so nature can flourish.

This site is part of a wider project, Thriving in a Wilder Trent, and will be receiving funding for some large-scale habitat restoration. This role will help support this work in the long term and increase sustainability of the site.

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### What this role involves

- Carry out practical habitat management using specialist tools on Spalford Warren nature reserve, as directed by your Volunteer Leader.
  - Deliver grassland and woodland management, habitat creation, scrub clearance, basic tree work, fencing repairs, hedge laying and control of invasive species under guidance from staff and volunteer leader.
  - Help staff to ensure a safe environment for people and wildlife.
  - Support efforts to enhance the conservation value, infrastructure and visitor experiences at Spalford Warren nature reserve.
  - Assist with the monitoring of habitat management activity and its impact on land managed by the Trust for nature conservation
  - Follow health and safety guidance and risk management protocols for all activities.
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## Experience and skills needed

- Although no specific experience is required, it would be desirable to have previous experience of outdoor volunteering in a practical setting
  - High level of enthusiasm, self-motivation and self-discipline
  - Ability to follow clear instructions
  - Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative
  - Flexible and positive approach
  - Demonstrable commitment to nature conservation
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## Benefits and training opportunities

Gain valuable experience for future employment prospects  
Meet new people and work as part of a team  
Learn new skills and about habitat management  
Improved fitness, health and wellbeing  
A full induction and demonstration of safe use of tools and habitat care  
Help protect your local environment  
Feel more connected to nature

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## Commitment

First Saturday of each month  
This role is based at Spalford Warren nature reserve  
This role is voluntary

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## Duration of role

Ongoing

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## References required?

No references required

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