



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

Foulney Island Seabird Protection Volunteer- Role Description

About Cumbria Wildlife Trust

As one of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts, we are a local wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take local action for wildlife.

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of 600 active volunteers, over 15000 members and supporters.

What is a Foulney Island Seabird Protection volunteer?

Want to play a vital role in protecting beach-nesting birds? We require a Seabird Protection volunteer to help the resident warden, to monitor and protect nesting birds, at our Foulney Island nature reserve.

Arctic and little tern breeding colonies at Foulney Island, are vulnerable to disturbance and habitat loss.

During breeding season 1 April – 15 August, you will ensure access by members of public is restricted to designated paths and Slitch Ridge remains closed. No dogs (except assistance dogs) are allowed on the island at this time to protect birds from disturbance.

With your help we can protect the Foulney Island tern colony long into the future!

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team at Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- Health and wellbeing benefits by making new friends, making a difference and having fun.
- Training and induction to ensure that you are prepared for the role and develop practical skills in species protection.
- Learning new conservation, administration and skills that will help your future career/learning opportunities.

What's involved

- Training and site infrastructure tasks will begin in April and volunteers may be asked to continue into August.
- Patrols of the tern breeding area to minimise damage caused to habitats.
- Speaking to members of the public about the tern species and why we are working to protect them.



Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who loves wildlife and wants to make a real difference in their local community. It would especially suit those who:

- Have a level of moderate physical fitness for walking on shingle beach.
- Own private transport, as you will need to arrange transport to and from the remote site.
- Ability to work as a team and independently
- Ability to engage positively with members of the public.
- Have a natural enthusiasm for wildlife and nature of Cumbria (You DON'T need to be a tern expert)

Extra information

Your place	Roa Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria. LA13 0QL
Time commitment	We ask that volunteers commit to an average of 1 day per week from 1 st April to 15 August. Exact timings dependent on tide times. Shifts are scheduled throughout daylight hours on both weekdays and weekends and can be flexible around your needs.
Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Alcroft, Volunteer Coordinator volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact (if different)	Volunteers will report to seasonal warden on site.
Training/Resources	We reimburse you for out of pocket travel expenses. We will provide the equipment, training and any uniform needed for you to complete the role.
Other Requirements	

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one
or an employment contract