

# Volunteering

## with Knighton Community Woodlands Group

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us in local woodlands. The Woodlanders are local people coming together to enjoy, conserve and enrich our environment. We learn and share woodland skills, and use those skills to improve habitats for wildlife and to allow our members access to affordable woodland products.

In this brochure we will outline how you can join us as a Woodlander volunteer and give you an understanding of how we operate. We are more than happy to answer any questions that you have and our contact details are overleaf.



Volunteering with those who are as passionate about a cause as you are is a great way to meet like-minded people. You can get plenty of fresh air and exercise and learn new skills. We always need help with hands-on woodland management such as tree planting or firewood processing and regular flora and fauna surveys. **We also have a wide range of behind-the-scenes volunteering opportunities for those who love woodlands but who, for whatever reason, cannot work in the woods – please see our website for details.**

To join us in the woods, you need to register as a volunteer, using the simple form accompanying this brochure. The form helps us learn a little bit about you and makes sure that we know who to contact in case of emergency. Once you have registered as a volunteer, we'll give you a schedule of where and when the Woodlander task days are, and you'll receive regular reminders as each one approaches. When you want to come along, let us know and we can then send you all the joining instructions and arrange transport for your first day with us – your Taster Day.







On your Taster Day, you will have one-to-one support to introduce you to the woodland, your fellow Woodlanders and the tasks for that day. You choose how much of the day to stay for and everyone works at their own pace. The work is fun, gives you a real sense of achievement at the end of the day, and we provide all the tools and training needed. The Taster Day gives you a no-obligation chance to find out what it's really like to be a Woodlander volunteer.

After your Taster Day, if you are interested in also having affordable access to our logs and timber, then you would need to join us as a Member. When you become a Member you get a say in how we are run and help decide policies that guide how we operate. You'll also become part of an active community of like-minded people who are working towards sustainable development. And that's not all. You can attend Members' meetings, such as our AGM, where you can raise issues that are important to you and find out more about how the group is doing. Plus, you can vote for someone to represent your views on the management committee. And if you fancy it, you can even stand for election yourself – it's a great chance to represent your fellow Members. Membership costs just £10 a year.

Thank you for your interest and we hope to hear from you soon.

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### Why I volunteer...

Camilla has been a regular volunteer with the Woodlanders since the group was formed in 2010.

"I like volunteering as it is such a positive thing to do. I am contributing to improving woodland habitats and learning new skills while I do so. The other volunteers are good company and we get lots of fresh air and exercise together. There's always a good atmosphere in the wood, no matter what the weather! The task days are good for me, good for the environment and I get access to affordable woodland products – it's a win-win situation."