

Volunteer role: Barbastelle Woodland Surveyor

Our Woodland Surveyor Volunteers gather important information on the presence of barbastelle bats. Sites have been randomly chosen in four different areas of England to survey for barbastelles in order to improve our understanding of the distribution and occurrence of this rare species.

The four areas are: **1** Herefordshire, **2** West Sussex, **3** Wiltshire and **4** Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The role will require a moderate level of fitness and a willingness to work outside, in good—and less good—weather conditions.

Commitment

- As a county team, survey from mid-May to end of August
- Flexible: as a volunteer, assist in a minimum of one survey across the season
- Set up and collect in detectors within a few days

What will you get in return?

- A barbastelle activity report from your survey.
- Be a part of a research project that will inform our understanding and conservation of the rare barbastelle bat.
- Gain hands-on experience in bat monitoring, along with training in the use of monitoring equipment and safe working practices.
- Trying your hand at something new whilst assisting the conservation of bats in Britain as part of a team.
- The wellbeing benefits of being actively involved, connecting with people and learning new skills.

If you are interested in this role, please contact
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