Practical Conservation around Hillingdon nature reserves
Help nature in London thrive

As a grassroots movement, London Wildlife Trust are firmly embedded in London's communities, where they look after wild places and increase people's understanding of and connection to the natural world. They engage, inspire and enable people to connect with nature and are resolute in their ambition to reverse the declines in nature.

London Wildlife Trust helps protect wildlife and enhances several nature reserves along the Yeading Brook and the Crane River. You can help London's wildlife thrive by taking part in practical conservation, learning about the biodiversity LWT are trying to protect and what makes these places worth saving. You will be using hand tools to manage meadows, woodlands, rivers and more using modern techniques to conserve habitats in traditional ways.

The volunteering sessions are spread across these sites in London Borough of Hillingdon:

Denham Lock Wood	UB9 4NA
Frays Farm Meadows	UB10 8AF
Ickenham Marsh	UB10 8PN
Gutteridge Wood and Meadows	UB10 9EQ
Ten Acre Wood and Meadows	UB4 8PA
Yeading Brook Meadows	UB4 9HL
Huckerby's Meadows	TW5 9SH
Frays Island and Mabey's Meadow	UB7 7PF
The Grove	UB8 3TW
Minet Country Park	UB4 0LL
Cranford Country Park	TW5 9RZ
Crane Park Island	TW2 6AA

Seasonal activities can include:	Meadow cuts, scrub removal, coppicing trees, repairing fences, keeping paths clear, surveying flora and fauna, helping to keep biological and environmental data updated with guidance from reserve staff, assisting with species protection work, repairing reserve infrastructure such as footpaths and steps, patrolling the reserves to minimise disturbance to wildlife and fragile habitat.

Commitment required:	• Volunteering normally runs from 10:30am until 2:30pm. We invite you to commit to as much as you can, as and when.
Skills required:	• No experience or knowledge of nature is required • Friendly, approachable, and supportive • Works well as part of a team • Willing to learn and try new things • Listens well and follows instructions • Able to use hand tools safely • Respects and welcomes people from all backgrounds • Follows health and safety procedures to work safely • Works collaboratively with staff and other volunteers
Training:	• Induction to the work of the London Wildlife Trust • Training from qualified professionals, including safe use of hand tools • All PPE and equipment provided • Access to additional training and learning opportunities • Branded volunteer clothing available • Ongoing support from your Volunteer Manager • Opportunity to develop new skills and build confidence • Expected to represent the Trust positively and follow all policies, including Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion • Encouraged to let us know if a task is not suitable or comfortable for you • Wherever possible, we will try to match tasks to your interests, preferences, and abilities • Work in a supportive and inclusive team environment
Benefits for you:	• Warm welcome and opportunity to meet like-minded people all trying to further the same goal • Join a friendly and supportive volunteer community • Recognition for your contribution • Discount in London Wildlife Trust cafés and retail shops • 20% discount at Cotswold Outdoor, Snow + Rock and Runners Need • Volunteer socials, guided walks and annual team events • Tea, coffee and biscuits provided (please bring a flask) • Make a positive difference to service users and the wider community • Regular breaks and time to socialise • Improve your fitness and enjoy time outdoors • Gain practical gardening skills and experience • Develop confidence and learn new skills

- Opportunity to request a volunteer reference after a sustained period of volunteering
- Enjoy working in beautiful natural surroundings

Other:

- Must be aged 16 or over
- For volunteers under 18, parental/carer consent is required
- No DBS check is required for this role
- Travel expenses can be claimed; mileage is reimbursed at 45p per mile and public transport can be reimbursed (including TfL travel within Zones 1-6)
- Lunch expenses can be claimed when volunteering for more than 3 hours up to a value of £5
- Volunteer Managers will confirm the meeting point before each session
- This is an outdoor role, so suitable clothing and footwear are essential
- Be prepared for different weather conditions and uneven ground
- You will also need to register online with London Wildlife Trust via their volunteering platform

To apply:

- Visit volunteering | Volunteer Hub | H4ALL and download or print an application form OR Email volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk to request an application form to be sent to you by email or post
- Send your completed form by email to volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk OR post to H4ALL, Volunteer Development Team, Key House, Yiewsley, UB7 9BQ
- Call 01895-676-111 to speak to a member of the H4ALL volunteering team in person