

Summer Placement Living Landscapes Grassland Project

Avon's Wildflower Grasslands Project is seeking volunteers to carry out surveys of species-rich neutral grasslands and calcareous grasslands across the former county of Avon this summer, to help input data and information in the database, and help with report writing.

The project is part of the South-West Wildlife Trust's Living Landscapes approach to conservation which aim to restore and link fragmented areas of wildlife habitat across the landscape to create a robust, wildlife-rich region in which nature can flourish and expand.

We will be surveying specific areas in the Mendips and the Cotswolds and hope to come across some fantastic grasslands. The data collected will update regional records and contribute towards the creation of an up-to-date grassland map for the Avon area.

We are looking for volunteers with these attributes (fields marked * are essential):

- Good botanical skills, or basic skills with a keen interest to learn more *
- An understanding of grassland management, or keen to learn *
- An enjoyment of working outdoors in variable weather conditions *
- An enthusiasm for conservation *
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn and develop skills *
- Able to work as part of a team and follow instructions *
- Good IT skills and experience of GIS MapInfo
- Full driving licence held for at least 12 months

Surveys are carried out during the week from 9am to 5pm, and we are hoping to find people who can commit to at least one day per week for the duration of the survey season May to September.

Please send a CV and covering letter detailing how you fit the criteria to the address below. Interviews will be held in mid April, and training will be in early May (TBC).

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