

Wildlife Recording Volunteers

Why we want you

Over the past 10 years we have worked with many partners to turn 100 acres of bare clay-covered landfill into an innovative nature reserve. The Carymoor reserve comprises more than 40 hectares of flower-rich grassland, divided by hedgerows, green lanes and stands of deciduous woodland.

Much of the reserve is designed to attract a wide variety of butterflies but it is also a haven for many types of wildlife. There are ponds for the benefit of amphibians and invertebrates such as dragonflies; scrapes and forage plots to encourage over-wintering birds and lots of cover for nesting birds and small mammals which in turn attract many raptors. Foxes, badgers and roe deer are also present.

The variety of species and numbers are an important indicator of the well-being of the site. We carry out butterfly transects on a regular basis and have recorded 32 species of butterfly to date, but do not have the time to carry out monitoring of other species of animals or plants. This is where we need your help.



What's in it for you?

Whether you are an experienced recorder or a relative novice, Carymoor is a great environment to practise your expertise or widen your identification skills. Our continuously developing nature reserve is an exciting place to work – you never know what will turn up next!

Work alongside an enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers promoting sustainability, biodiversity and renewable energy and enjoy the unique ambience created by our shared values and common commitment, in this beautiful corner of rural Somerset.

The skills you need

Enthusiasm and a basic knowledge of wildlife is the essential qualification, whether your interest lies with butterflies, dragonflies, birds or mammals - or encompasses them all!

Interested?

If you would like to discuss the opportunity further, please contact Neil Gemmell by email at neil.gemmell@carymoor.org.uk or phone 01963 350143

Please note that some volunteer roles are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Check.