

# South West Peak Landscape Partnership

## Volunteer Role Description



**Date completed: 31/01/2018 By: Ann Cantrell, South West Peak Grassland Officer.**  
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Volunteer role title	<b>Glorious Grasslands Meadow Monitor</b>
Purpose of your role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To undertake botanical surveys of grassland sites including hay meadows and pastures.</li> <li>To collate and provide survey/monitoring data to the Glorious Grasslands project including site species lists &amp; habitat maps.</li> <li>To make contact with farmers prior to surveys, but only where Meadows Monitors have “adopted” a particular farm, or farms, to gain permission to carry out surveys.</li> <li>To be an ambassador for the Glorious Grasslands project &amp; South West Peak Landscape Partnership (SWPLP).</li> </ul>
Location of position	Various locations within the South West Peak.
Responsible to	Ann Cantrell, South West Peak Grassland Officer
Volunteer responsibilities	<p>Volunteer responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Glorious Grasslands survey methodology and forms to carry out site surveys.</li> <li>Liaising with the Grassland Officer regarding site surveys.</li> <li>Contacting farmers, site owners and managers to gain permission to survey (where appropriate, as above).</li> <li>Ensuring survey data is provided to the Grassland Officer in a timely fashion.</li> <li>Conducting botanical field surveys to the expected standard (following training).</li> </ul>
Essential skills you would need for the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good plant identification skills.</li> <li>Ability to read maps and map habitat features.</li> <li>An ability to converse with farmers.</li> <li>Environmental and conservation awareness.</li> <li>Ability to work outside &amp; often independently.</li> </ul>
Desirable skills that will assist you in the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to identify grasses and sedges.</li> <li>Knowledge of the South West Peak.</li> <li>Knowledge of farming &amp; land management.</li> <li>Ability to use computer systems/email.</li> <li>First Aid.</li> </ul>
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us	A minimum of : 1 full day per month (when available) during the survey period, May to September.
Start date	May 2018
End date	Ongoing (until end of 2021)
Minimum age	18+
Driving licence required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full UK driving licence.</li> </ul>
Training and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be given induction training at the start of your</li> </ul>

	<p>volunteering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training in the survey methodology will be given at the start of your volunteering.</li> <li>• Survey forms, site maps and landowner permissions will be provided by the Grassland Officer.</li> <li>• Opportunities for training in plant identification will be provided.</li> <li>• A minimum of yearly, or more regular if deemed necessary, review meetings, will be held with the Grassland Officer.</li> <li>• Celebration day invitations will be given to volunteers &amp; others involved in the Glorious Grasslands project.</li> </ul>
Reimbursement of expenses	<p>Out of pocket travel expenses can be reimbursed for travel to and from your place of volunteering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mileage costs @ 40p per mile cars (24p/mile motorbikes, 20p/mile pedal cycles up to a maximum of £10 per journey.</li> <li>• Bus and train tickets will be reimbursed only upon receipt of ticket/proof of purchase.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that if you use your own vehicle whilst driving on the SWPLP's behalf, you will need to have business insurance and MOT evidence.</p>
Benefits to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge of the South West Peak area and improve identification &amp; mapping skills.</li> <li>• Able to contribute to the ecological knowledge of the South West Peak grasslands, especially wildflower meadows.</li> <li>• Feed robust data into the Glorious Grasslands project to aid monitoring of grassland restoration projects and to inform future programmes of work.</li> <li>• Feel part of the friendly and dedicated South West Peak team.</li> <li>• Gain a better understanding of farming in the South West Peak.</li> <li>• Enjoyment of the countryside and the Peak District National Park, especially the South West Peak.</li> <li>• Meet new people.</li> <li>• Share knowledge of the National Park and conservation.</li> <li>• Keep active in the outdoors.</li> </ul>
Application Process	<p>Apply online using the application form available here:  <a href="http://www.southwestpeak.co.uk/contact/volunteering">http://www.southwestpeak.co.uk/contact/volunteering</a></p>