

Durham Wildlife Trust Exmoor Pony Warden

Bring your passion for wildlife and conservation and join our volunteer team at Durham Wildlife Trust as a Pony Warden.



What's involved?

- Check the correct number of ponies are present on site
- Carry out a visual health check
- Check the levels of food availability and the effects of the grazing on the nature reserve
- Check grazing infrastructure e.g. fences, gates and water trough
- Take note of anti-social behaviour e.g. motorbikes, vandalism
- Help to move ponies to and from reserve
- Regularly report your findings to the DWT

What will you get out of it?

- The opportunity to work at each site independently, with the support of the Living Landscapes Officer learning about animal husbandry.
- The opportunity to learn about the relationship between grazing livestock and the wildlife and how they benefit each other.
- The opportunity to take part in scheduled guided walks lead by the Rainton Meadows Assistant.
- In house training opportunities covering many diverse aspects of conservation.
- Working with others to enhance your skills and knowledge.
- Gain valuable experience working with an environmental organisation.

This role will suit people who;

- Enjoy being outdoors in all weathers.
- Are calm and reliable.
- Live near to the sites.
- Are available to complete checks between 8am and 6pm on the same day each week.
- Are comfortable around livestock.

How much time should I give?

- Spend around 1 hour of your time over 1 or 2 days a week

Apply today by completing an online application form.

We'll contact you to discuss your application and the role in more detail, and answer questions.

Contact Phill Catton on 0191 584 3112 or volunteer@durhamwt.co.uk to find out more.

Our volunteers play an integral role in what we do, from the management of reserves to helping with administration duties. We are always looking for willing volunteers who share our passion for wildlife, conservation and broadening awareness.