



Role Title: Volunteer Bat Transect surveyor

Main Activity:

We know the Holnicote Estate is a great place for bats! We are looking for individuals to monitor and survey Bat Transects and roosts across the estate. This research will help us gain a better understanding of how bats are using the landscape.

As a Bat Transect Volunteer, you will be asked to commit to around 4-5 nights a year.

You will be part of a team of dedicated survey volunteers. New volunteers do not need any existing knowledge of bat ecology, however would benefit from an interest in the subject.

The main role will involve walking a 2km transect route 4 times a year. Each transect should take approx. 1.5 hours, starting after sunset. Whilst walking the route volunteers shall be asked to operate bat detectors and recording devices provided by the NT.

The information you collect will help us monitor how bat populations use the landscape and help inform the management of the estate.

There are further opportunities to assist with roost emergence counts too and public engagement activities.

Location: Holnicote Estate, National Trust.

Time Commitment: 4-5 nights a year

Duration: Part of a 5 year project, surveying annually between May – Sept.



Skills/Ability needed:

No specialist skills required. All training and equipment provided. This role will suit people who have a keen interest in bats, wildlife or ecological surveying. Also suitable for those wanting to improve their survey skills or wildlife knowledge. You'll need to be available to volunteer in the evening.

What you need to bring:

All specialist equipment shall be provided. However if possible please carry a torch/headtorch, a pen and paper. Please wear sturdy footwear and sensible clothing for the weather.

What's in it for you:

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Developing skills in monitoring and equipment use
- Developing your knowledge of Bat ecology and wider conservation issues
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Enjoying new experiences and learning something new
- Improving the management of the NT estate
- Exploring perhaps unknown areas of the estate.

Further info/contact (this should be the person responsible for the training/supervision of the volunteer)- Basil Stow, Area Ranger for the National Trust Holnicote estate on basil.stow@nationaltrust.org.uk