

Volunteer Role Profile



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Planning volunteer

Volunteer Manager

Chair

Where you will be based

Community

Why we want you

By volunteering with us you'll be helping to find positive solutions for the issues facing the countryside and the environment. By applying your skills and experience you can make a real difference and be a central part of a friendly and passionate charity.

As a planning volunteer you'll be investigating planning applications which impact the countryside and helping us to influence their outcome. You'll also have the opportunity to contribute to national consultations and policy development.

We're ideally looking for volunteers with an interest in the planning system and environmental and countryside issues. Please look at our other opportunities to find one that's just right for you.

What you will be doing

- Investigating planning applications with an impact on the countryside
- Preparing and submitting responses to influence the outcome of planning applications and appeals
- Visiting the local planning offices and proposed development sites to look at plans and record details
- Liaising with parish and district councils and other conservation bodies
- Seeking to influence Local and Neighbourhood Plans
- Building relationships with local organisations such as AONBs, to influence their management plans
- Liaising with the planning team and policy committee at National CPRE to contribute to consultations and policy development
- You may be asked to attend district committee meetings as part of this role

The skills you need

- Some knowledge of the countryside and environmental issues
- Previous experience in the planning sector and knowledge of the planning system are helpful in this role
- An eye for detail and an interest in investigative work
- A willingness to visit the local planning office and proposed development sites

- Happy carrying out tasks independently and as part of a team
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Access to a computer and the internet at home and be comfortable using them
- Be able to commit to volunteering regularly to suit your availability with occasional attendance at meetings

What's in it for you

- Use your skills and experience to contribute to the success of our charity and make a positive difference to the countryside
- Meet like-minded people and enjoy being part of a team
- Enhance your CV by developing new skills and gaining valuable experience
- We'll support you to develop in your volunteering role and provide you with relevant training
- We'll give you a reference for your future work or volunteering
- Get involved with social events and workshops on a local and national level, including the annual CPRE conference
- The opportunity to attend a volunteer induction day at CPRE's national office in London or a regional centre
- We provide out-of-pocket travel expenses