



Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

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Call for the Wild!

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are calling for young people aged between 13 and 18 years old to join their Young Rangers to get stuck into conservation activities in the north and south of the county.

The Trust already runs a programme of regular sessions at three locations; the much loved Attenborough Nature Reserve near Beeston, Skylarks Nature Reserve in Rushcliffe and Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford. The sessions provide not just a social aspect but hands on practical taster sessions ranging from getting involved with the conservation grazing sheep, removing invasive plant species such as 'balsam bashing' and the opportunity for the young people to join as regular volunteers.

Laura Bacon, Audience Development Officer (Youth and Community) at Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust says, "We are really proud of our young people and what they have achieved so far in the south of the county and we are looking to expand the group in the north at the Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford."

Laura continued, "Thanks to support from players of People's Postcode Lottery, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are able to run these activities for young people to gain valuable hands on experience of conservation activities from bird ID and surveying to scrub clearance, coppicing and fencing. Not only does it help Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust manage their nature reserves for wildlife and people we hope it helps to develop a love for nature and the environment and inspires the next generation of conservationists to go on to explore a career in the field."

Although we currently are unable to accept any applications for work experience placements for young people these sessions can help to get practical experience for including on CV's or just to try something new. Work experience placement opportunities may come available in future years and will be advertised via the website and social media as and when they do.

For more information about Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Young Rangers, visit <https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/discover-and-learn/young-rangers> and get in touch with Laura Bacon to register to take part.

13 year old Joanne Barnes has been coming to Attenborough Young Rangers for over a year and really enjoys getting stuck in. She really enjoyed this session where we had to count our conservation grazing flock for our shepherds whilst also doing scrub control in the same field.



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Notes for Editors

1. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, a registered charity, manages Nature Reserves throughout the county of Nottinghamshire. It advises local authorities, community groups and landowners on nature conservation issues, and makes a major input into decision-making on planning matters and other issues.
2. The Trust is part of a nation-wide network of local Trusts which work to protect wildlife in town and country - The Wildlife Trusts. The Wildlife Trusts now boast almost 800,000 members. For more information please see our website: www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org
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