

OPPORTUNITY: Swan Feed Presenter

Why do we need you?

At WWT we believe the best way for people to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking.

You will be contributing to this aspect of our work by delivering swan feed talks and other visitor engagement activities during our peak winter season between October 2014 to March 2015.

In this role you will also be supporting staff with our pioneering conservation work by recording information on ringed migratory Whooper and Bewick swans.

Who will be responsible for your role? Reserve Warden

Where will you be based? WWT Welney Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? Preferably we are looking for volunteers who are available for a minimum of 1 day per week. Weekday and weekends.

A minimum commitment of 3 months is required.

What will you be doing?

- Delivering engaging talks to visitors about WWT wetlands and our migratory birds, especially swans.
- Distributing specialist food for the birds in front of the main observatory. Training will be provided.
- Recording leg and neck ring codes of individual Whooper and Bewick's swans on the reserve and in surrounding areas to input into the swan research database. Training will be provided.
- Supporting staff and other volunteers to welcome pre-booked groups of visitors and assisting visitors with guidance and centre information throughout the day between swan feed talks.
- Maintaining the main observatory and surrounding area (basic housekeeping-tidying chairs, cleaning chalk board, collecting litter)

Who are we looking for?

No previous experience is required, as training will be provided. However, this role will suit you if you have a basic understanding of birds and are:

- Confident or experienced in delivering talks to the public.
- Able to work in a team of staff and volunteers.
- Experienced in a visitor service environment with a strong commitment to excellent customer service.
- Able to communicate well to a diverse range of audiences.
- Familiar with the local area.

- Comfortable being outdoors in all weather.
- You will need a full UK driving licence and your own vehicle to access the centre.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site and discover more about WWT's pioneering conservation work.
- Join a friendly team of staff and volunteers and make new friends.
- WWT uniform and suitable Personal Protective Equipment is provided.
- A discount in our cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.
- Free entry to all WWT centres.
- Training and further development opportunities.

General notes

A current driving licence and your own vehicle may be required to access WWT Welney Wetland Centre, please check the link for further details on our location <http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney/plan-your-visit/>.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site.

This position may require work during evenings, weekends and public holidays. The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to starting.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

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