

# Countryside Volunteer Roles

**Role Name:** Footpath Warden

**Purpose of the role:**

To help the keep local footpaths and bridleways accessible and enjoyable for the community. To enjoy working outside on practical tasks improving the networks.

Footpath wardens will choose an area they would like to work within usually nearest to their home and will be asked to walk it quarterly completing a proactive rights of way check.

Wardens will be trained to carry out small scale maintenance works and light vegetation clearance so they can help the countryside service look after their local routes.

Reporting and recording issues on the Hampshire ROW map and with the community engagement ranger in their area.

The community engagement ranger will send job sheets when issues are reported by the public and will be there to support you with any questions and training you need.

**Typical tasks and duties:**

- Inspecting
- Waymarking
- Small scale path clearance and maintenance
- Reporting and recording
- Talking to members of the public
- Quarterly checks of chosen routes

**Skills and knowledge:**

- Adult (over 18)
- General interest in walking and paths
- Capable of doing light physical activity

**Experience and training:**

Staff will give training but any previous knowledge will be useful.

- Inspections
- Surveys
- Health and safety
- Types of maintenance works
- Vegetation clearance
- General Rights of Way.

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## Group Tasks

### **Purpose of the role:**

Group tasks are aimed at adult groups / team building days that would like to participate in larger tasks on their local pathways.

The aim is to engage existing groups that have a focus on health and wellbeing, community engagement, community development and/or team building.

These can be one off tasks, but can lead to groups being trained to do tasks independently.

### **Typical tasks:**

- Replacing stiles for kissing gates
- Resurfacing sections of well used pathways
- Building footbridges
- Building Boardwalks

### **Skills and knowledge:**

- General interest in walking and paths and practical outdoor tasks.
- Capable of doing medium level of physical activity

### **Experience and training:**

Training will be tasks specific so no previous knowledge is necessary as the Community Engagement ranger will lead the tasks.