



Volunteer opportunities with Sustainable Swanage Spring 2021

Sustainable Swanage is a community group and relies on the involvement of volunteers in varying projects. There are many things that we can do to reverse declines in wildlife populations, reduce our carbon footprint and become more resilient to future stresses. More can be achieved if we work together as a community and multiple benefits can be found that help address several issues. Your involvement, however big or small will be a vital part of this. Think Global, Act Local.

There are different levels of involvement for volunteers, from a commitment to leading a sub-group and being on our steering group, to helping for one day on a practical project such as tree planting, or simply supporting a campaign.

We are currently focusing on four sub-groups:

Greening Swanage – a group creating meadows, tree planting and surveying green spaces throughout the town.

Purbeck Energy Group – a group covering the Purbeck area working towards increasing the use of renewable energy for local people.

Active Travel Group – a group focused on encouraging more use of active travel to get around and reduce cars on the road. Working on improving infrastructure and reducing potential barriers.

Waste Action Group – following on from our work on Plastic Free Swanage and recycling before Covid-19 we would like to re-establish our projects to tackle waste in the town.

We always welcome new members and volunteers and if you are interested in getting involved, we have the following opportunities currently from the most time to least commitment required:

Administration support – 4 hours per week

You will help the Project Officer on a range of tasks to keep the day-to-day running of Sustainable Swanage going. This includes assisting in the planning and promoting of our open meetings, managing social media – creating content and responding and engaging with followers, sending out email newsletters to the mailing list, updating and editing website and writing agenda and minutes for monthly steering group meetings. Also researching new project ideas and writing proposals. This role would suit a student or anyone looking to gain more skills and experience who has some time to commit to the role.



Co-ordinator of a sub-group – 2- 4 hours per week

The chair will be the ambassador for each group and the main point of contact. It is an exciting role that can have a great impact on motivating real change in a subject area that most suits and interests you. The duties of this role include organising the meetings and keeping notes, co-ordinating the group's projects and look for opportunities for development.

We are currently looking for a chair for *Waste action group*, and *Active Travel group*.

Sub-group member – 2-4 hours per month

If you have a particular interest you could be part of one of these groups and take part in great projects and inspire new ones. The groups usually meet every month or less depending on the group and individuals work on projects that suit and interest them.

All our sub-groups are open to new members, but we are currently seeking more people to join with '*waste action group*' and '*greening Swanage*'

Communications volunteer – flexible up to 1 hour a week

We are looking for help with creating social media content and researching and writing articles and updating our website.

Wildlife Surveys – occasional in summer season

We are carrying out wildlife surveys across Swanage on public land this year and are looking for people to help. We are surveying plants, birds, butterflies, bats, bees and trees, if you have any skills in other groups as well please get in touch.

Car free day and other campaigns – participation in one off events

We are supporting national campaigns such as National Walking Month, Car free day in June and 'No mow May' and are asking people to pledge to join us in these various challenges to collectively reduce our impact on the environment and help wildlife. Be part of the movement and encourage more people to join in!



Sustainable Business Forum

Are you a business who is looking to become more sustainable? We are setting up a forum for businesses to provide an opportunity to support each other and share information on schemes, grants and ideas that can help. We as a group can support you with information and help you gain award and recognition for your efforts such as 'plastic free business award' or 'litter free coast and sea business award'.

If you are interested in any of these roles and would like more information please get in touch. We also have the volunteer handbook which contains more information about volunteering with us.

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NB My normal working days are Mondays and Tuesdays.