

## **Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust**

### **Berry Head Volunteer**

**ROLE TITLE:** Berry Head Volunteer

**REPORTS TO:** Berry Head Ranger Team

**HOURS:** Thursdays 0930-1500, early departures accepted but all volunteers required at the start of the session for health and safety reasons.

**LOCATIONS:** Berry Head National Nature Reserve. Occasionally nearby sites like Gillard Road Nature Reserve or Sharkham Point

**PRIMARY ROLE:** The ranger team run a practical volunteer session where we undertake tasks like cutting vegetation, raking and weeding, to fit in with our annual habitat management plan. Limestone grassland is a low-nutrient environment so after strimming we need help to remove the clippings to prevent nutritional enrichment. We are also keeping scrub and competing grasses at bay. In the summer we conduct butterfly surveys, as well as gathering botanical data about the unique flora at Berry Head, which does involve sitting on the ground for a protracted time.

These sessions are a great way to improve your identification skills and contribute to local conservation efforts. This role would suit any physically fit adult who is looking to engage with nature and other enthusiasts in an outdoor setting, regardless of the British weather!

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Adhere to Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust's Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Attend health and safety briefing at start of each session and follow instructions from Trust staff
- Always respect others and the environment
- Safe use of hand tools

#### **SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:**

Essential:

- Suitable for beginners but over 18s only
- Enthusiastic about contributing to local conservation efforts
- A genuine wish to improve your identification skills of both plants and butterflies
- Physically fit

- Available to attend start of session and follow instructions
- Able to make your own way to and from Berry Head
- Willing to work as part of a team
- Happy outdoors in all weathers
- Sociable and diplomatic

Desirable:

- Happy around dogs as prevalent on site
- A sense of humour
- Capable of baking delicious cakes!

Benefits of Volunteering:

- The opportunity to make a real difference in conserving and protecting Torbay's beautiful landscapes.
- Develop valuable communication and public engagement skills.
- Meet like-minded people and be part of a friendly and supportive team.
- Gain experience in charity and event work.
- Enjoy being outdoors and attending exciting events in scenic locations.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

If you're interested in becoming an Engagement Volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Please complete an application form on the volunteers page of our website and email this to:

[info@countryside-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@countryside-trust.org.uk)

Join us in making a difference and inspiring others to support Torbay's coast and countryside!