

Volunteering for Butterfly Conservation



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Butterflies need Silver Duke of Edinburgh Students

Volunteering for Butterfly Conservation offers an exciting and fascinating opportunity for young people, who care about the environment, to make a real difference to the conservation of Britain's endangered butterflies and moths.

Butterflies and moths are highly susceptible to change and so are key indicators of the state of the remaining 24,000 largely unnoticed insect species, and therefore the health of the environment as a whole.

And they look fantastic too!

Butterfly Conservation is a national charity which seeks to save threatened species from extinction, as well as increase numbers of more widespread species.

Butterfly Conservation Gloucestershire needs your help with:

- Habitat management on nature reserves.
- Chatting to people / running activities to tell people about Butterfly Conservation - you don't need to be an expert!
- Counting butterflies and surveying habitats - we will train you.

As a volunteer you will meet highly knowledgeable, enthusiastic, inspirational people. You will learn about the ecology of fascinating butterflies and moths, and gain many transferable conservation skills.

The example activities overleaf should count for the volunteering section of the DofE Award. Please check with your DofE leader before starting volunteering.



**Butterfly
Conservation**

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

Gloucestershire Butterfly Conservation

Silver Award (6 months)

Core activity:

- 4-6 dates Oct-March: join volunteers on nature reserves to help with habitat management (max. 3 hrs per session). These events are called WORK PARTIES.

PLUS

To meet your volunteering hours you need to choose one or more additional activities. Here are some ideas - we'd love to hear your ideas too:

- Raising awareness of Butterfly Conservation:
 - Plan and run a themed fundraising activity at your school.
 - Identify an area of your school grounds that can be managed for wildlife, write a plan and make it happen! Keep a diary.
 - Give a talk to a local scout group or an environmental club at your own school, about what you've been learning with us.
 - Design and set up a Butterfly Conservation stand in your school foyer.
 - Assist on 1 or 2 Butterfly Conservation stands at events (Summer Term).
 - Write a short article for a Butterfly Conservation magazine.
- Recording butterflies, caterpillars and other rare species in your local area. We'll give you specific surveys to complete.
- Surveying and mapping larval and nectar plant species on local reserves.

Talk to us to find out more ...

MORE INFORMATION

- The work party leader gives clear guidance on safe working and there is always a first aider in attendance. Tools and gloves are provided. You work at your own pace with no pressure.
- Training will be provided to help you identify butterfly species, as well as learn about their ecology and habitat needs.
- Butterfly Conservation volunteers are friendly and will make sure you enjoy your experience helping Britain's butterflies and moths.

Interested?

Contact Gloucestershire Butterfly Conservation's DofE coordinators:

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