



Volunteer at RSPB Roundbarrow

Help us restore nature at Roundbarrow!

- The RSPB are reverting around 80 Ha of ex-dairy farm pasture to species-rich chalk grassland on behalf of Wiltshire Council. We need volunteers to help us create and maintain this new habitat
- Specially created habitat will benefit farmland birds like Corn Buntings, Yellowhammers and Lapwing, as well as a suite of other important wildlife like specialist chalk butterflies
- We will be running regular volunteer work parties throughout the year at RSPB Roundbarrow. Tasks will include practical habitat management, survey work and maintenance, among other things

Wiltshire is home to roughly half of the UK's chalk grassland – an internationally important habitat. In the UK, we've lost 80% of these grasslands, and the species they support have faced severe declines

What are we doing?

The RSPB has recently taken on the management of a former dairy farm in Pitton, just east of Salisbury. With your help, we will be transforming this site into a sheep- and cattle-grazed chalk grassland, rich in nature.

The new RSPB Roundbarrow nature reserve will provide a haven for chalkland species and help a variety of birds, including Skylarks, Corn Buntings, Lapwing and the rare Stone-curlew. The move will also help Wiltshire Council to deliver their ambitions for blue and green infrastructure in the area.

You can find out more about RSPB Roundbarrow Farm [here](#).

Making a difference for wildlife in Wiltshire

What you'll be doing

We will be offering a variety of tasks and opportunities at RSPB Roundbarrow. We will be organising regular work parties to carry out assorted tasks, including: reserve management jobs (fence maintenance, scrub clearance, hedgerow care), survey work and grassland reversion tasks such as seed-sowing and plug-planting.

These tasks will be vital for the conservation of the site, and for creating new habitats for the wildlife we want to attract.

What's in it for you?

You'll meet new people, have new experiences, and learn new skills. Through volunteering with us, you're not just joining an organisation, you're joining a movement for nature, and working collaboratively towards a common cause. It's also a fun and valuable way to spend your time, whatever you end up doing.

This is a great chance to become part of a small team and make a genuine contribution to wildlife conservation, where you can build up new knowledge and skill sets. Appropriate training will be provided, and expenses will be reimbursed where necessary.

What's required?

All that's needed is enthusiasm and an interest in wildlife! No specialist skills are required, though for some roles a good level of fitness and desire to work outside are essential.

You will need to be signed up as an RSPB volunteer to help out at Roundbarrow. This will give you access to *Assemble*: the RSPB's website for volunteers. Once you have registered an interest in volunteering at RSPB Roundbarrow, someone from the team will be in touch with instructions on how to sign up. You can find out more about volunteering with the RSPB [here](#).

To register an interest in volunteering, contact Wiltshire Chalk Reserves Warden, Rob Blackler at robert.blackler@rspb.org.uk or on 07516588217.



Sowing wildflower seeds at RSPB Roundbarrow Farm (Patrick Cashman)