

Shepherds and Livestock Checkers Volunteer Role Description

Location: Pentwyn Farm and Wysewood Meadow



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Gwent Wildlife Trust owns a herd of Hereford cattle and flock of rare breed sheep. The livestock mainly graze the permanent pasture of Pentwyn Farm and WyseWood Meadow reserves, located on the top of the Wye Valley next to the village of Penallt. The livestock play a crucial role in the management of meadows for biodiversity. Owning our own livestock gives us the opportunity to graze the meadows in the best possible way to improve grassland biodiversity.

Responsibilities

- Location checks to ensure the livestock are in the correct location
- General wellbeing checks to look at the livestock and record and report any concerns
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Time Commitment

The main role of the volunteer shepherds is to carry out a daily check taking around 45 minutes and walking approximately 1-2km. The number of checks per month are based on a rota. On average we would ask for 2 - 3 checks per month.

Training and Support

- No previous experience necessary
- On-site toilet facilities are available at Pentwyn

Volunteer shepherds and livestock checkers are given an induction and any training will be provided where necessary. Opportunities for further training will be given as required.

Joe Ryder is responsible for leading and supporting you as a volunteer
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This agreement is not binding in any way, nor is it a contract of employment.