

# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



<b>Volunteer Role / Title</b>
Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels – Volunteer Grey Squirrel Control Officer
<b>Location</b>
Glenkens: New Galloway/St John's Town of Dalry area
<b>How many volunteers are needed?</b>
Not limited
<b>How many hours per day/per week are you needed?</b>
Flexible. As many as you are able to give
<b>On which days are you needed?</b>
Any day you are available
<b>On what date do we want you to start?</b>
ASAP
<b>End Date</b> (if applicable)
<b>Minimum commitment we require from you (eg 1 day per week for 6 months). If any.</b>
Four days per month
<b>Objective(s) of your volunteer role</b>
Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels are working in partnership with the Glenkens Red Squirrel Group to deliver red squirrel conservation in the Glenkens area. Together they utilise targeted grey squirrel control to prevent replacement of red squirrels by the invasive non-native grey squirrels. The control is delivered by a combination of project staff, landowners funded via The Forestry Grant Scheme, and volunteers, all trapping grey squirrels in carefully chosen project areas. You'll be an ambassador for the group and the project, providing support to existing volunteers, staff and partner organisations to deliver the project's aims across the area.
<b>Tasks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liaising with local trap hosts</li><li>• Trap placement, setting and maintenance</li><li>• Humane dispatch of grey squirrels</li><li>• Record keeping</li></ul>

<b>Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A people-person with good communication skills.</li> <li>• Enthusiastic about protecting red squirrels.</li> <li>• Diplomatic &amp; tactful – able to explain Project strategy, persuade others to get involved and deal with complaints.</li> <li>• Adaptable and flexible to cover all varied aspects of the role.</li> <li>• Ideal for someone with free time during the week such as a semi-retired or retired person, someone looking to develop a career in conservation, retired gamekeeper, or country enthusiast.</li> <li>• Relevant firearm licence and training preferred but not essential.</li> <li>• Full clean driver’s licence.</li> </ul>
<b>Support/training?</b>
Training in basic first aid, trap maintenance, dispatch methods, risk assessments and using a GPS will be offered to the right candidates.
<b>Who is the contact person for enquiries?</b>
Neil O’Donnell, Administrator, Saving Scotland’s Red Squirrels – squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk
<b>Closing date for applications</b>
None (we will recruit suitable candidates as they apply)
<b>When will interviews be held?</b>
No date set (we will recruit as suitable candidates apply)
<b>Can SWT provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?</b>
Some travel expenses paid to cover fuel costs at a rate of 35p per mile and will be agreed in advance with your line manager.
<b>Will you want references for volunteers before appointing or PVG disclosure?</b>
We will check references
<b>Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)</b>
A good level of fitness will be advantageous. Business car insurance desirable.