

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



Volunteer Role / Title
Volunteer Grey Squirrel Dispatcher – Annandale Red Squirrel Group
Location
Annandale
How many volunteers are needed?
Unlimited
How many hours per day/per week are you needed?
Flexible. As many as you are able to give.
On which days are you needed?
Any day the traps are operational and any day that you have said you are available for on-call dispatching.
On what date do we want you to start?
ASAP
End Date (if applicable)
n/a
Minimum commitment we require from you (eg 1 day per week for 6 months). If any.
As above. As many as you are able to give.
Objective(s) of your volunteer role
Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels are working to deliver red squirrel conservation South Scotland. We want to prevent the invasive non-native grey squirrel from replacing red squirrels in South Scotland and reduce occurrences of squirrel pox transmission from grey to red squirrel populations. Grey squirrel 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 project, providing grey control support to the Annandale Red Squirrel Group, Project Officer and partner organisations to deliver the project's aims in the Annandale area.
Tasks
Support volunteers on the trap loan scheme, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrying out humane dispatch of grey squirrels.• Liaising with local trap hosts.• Re-setting and baiting traps.• Record keeping.

Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Specifically</i> local to the Annandale area. • Enthusiastic about protecting red squirrels. • Diplomatic & tactful – able to explain project strategy and encourage others to get involved. • Relevant training and/or experience in humane animal dispatch. • Relevant firearm/air weapon licence and experience <i>preferred</i> • Full clean driver's licence.
Support/training?
Training in trap maintenance, dispatch methods, risk assessments and using a GPS will be provided to the successful candidates, along with supply of all trapping materials.
Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?
Victoria Chanin, Project Officer , Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels – vchanin@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk
Closing date for applications
26/05/2023 – (The role may be filled from applications prior to this date)
When will interviews be held?
No date set (we will recruit as suitable candidates apply)
Can SWT provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?
Some travel expenses paid to cover fuel costs at a rate of 35p per mile.
Will you want references for volunteers before appointing or PVG disclosure?
We will check references.
Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)
A good level of fitness will be advantageous. Business car insurance required.