

Hedgerow Hero Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role: Hedgerow Heroes Volunteer Surveyors

Managed by: Hedgerow Officer and Volunteer Coordinator

Where you will be based: Home working/Friends of the Lake District office, and in the field.

Why we want you:

We're looking to build a small team of volunteers for the Hedgerow Heroes element of our *Hedges and Edges Project*, aiming to create and restore 32 miles (52 kms) of hedgerows, over the next four years, in three target areas - The Howgills, River Pettril Catchment and Ullswater Catchment.

You'll join a small group of skilled, enthusiastic volunteers helping to carry out different surveys of hedgerows in the targets areas to build up a sound evidence baseline.

We'd like to recruit:

- Three volunteers to do a desk-based survey of the old hedgerows from online historic map archives (eg. Ordnance Survey, Enclosure and Tithe maps, and Parish Boundaries); and
- Up to fifteen volunteers to carry out both winter hedgerow condition surveys, and summer botanical species surveys of some of the ancient, historically important hedgerows.

By volunteering with us you can make a real difference, develop your skills, and be part of a friendly and passionate charity helping nature recovery for this priority habitat.

What you will be doing:

Attending training day(s), and starting field surveying in 2026 (and continuing in 2027). The historical map surveyors will carry out the work from October-November 2025.

Volunteering alongside others as part of our volunteering team.

Representing Friends of the Lake District / CPRE Cumbria 'on the ground' to farmers, landowners, and the wider public.

The skills you need:

A keen interest in the landscape and hedgerows.

Competent in collecting and recording data using IT, including using GIS (Geographical Information System) mapping and online Apps.

The ability to undertake moderate physical activity.

Willingness to follow health and safety guidance for field surveying outdoors.

A flexible approach to volunteering availability as tasks will be on various days/times.

Ability to make your own way to and from the hedgerow sites.

What's in it for you:

Meet like-minded people and enjoy being part of An exciting Project.

Help to promote healthy hedgerows across Cumbria in your area.

Enhance your CV by developing new skills and gaining valuable experience.

We will provide you with relevant instruction, training and supervision to undertake this role.

We'll support you to develop and be safe in your volunteering role.

We'll give you a reference for your future work or volunteering, as appropriate.

Get involved with our volunteer social events, relevant Hedges and Edges events and face to face.