

## RECREATION ROUTE WARDEN VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

A Recreation Route Warden (RRW) is a volunteer appointed by Worcestershire County Council's (WCC) Public Rights of Way Team to assist in the maintenance and improvement of our recreation routes within an area allocated to you (usually one circular walk or a section of a linear trail).

### **The essential requirements of the role are to:**

1. Attend the RRW Essentials training course.
2. Carry out regular inspections of the recreation route on a quarterly basis and occasionally as specifically requested by the Public Rights of Way Improvement Officer
3. Inform the Public Rights of Way Improvement Officer of any problems you cannot easily fix yourself, particularly safety issues.
4. Carry out waymarking.
5. Carry out basic clearance of vegetation (e.g. around waymark posts, stiles, gates etc.) using hand tools.
6. Refer to the Volunteer Manual together with any updates issued by WCC for guidance.
7. Provide WCC with assistance in identifying landowners. If you keep a list of landowner details this should be in accordance with the data protection guidance in the Volunteer Manual.
8. Use the Public Rights of Way online Volunteer Database to monitor reports in your area and to keep up to date with reports and to communicate with the Public Rights of Way Improvement Officer. Inform the Officer of any changes to reports on your route and to let them know if you can resolve any.

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9. Co-operate with other volunteers and contractors undertaking tasks approved by the Public Rights of Way Improvement Officer.
10. Attend where possible organised work parties in your area and work with neighbouring RRW's to improve the recreation routes.

## **OPTIONAL DUTIES**

1. Carrying out more extensive vegetation clearance (strimming) or practical maintenance or improvements. (Competency training in the use of strimmers is required).
2. Providing information and advice to landowners about Public Rights of Way on their land and how you and WCC might be able to assist.
3. Organising, supervising, or taking part in volunteer work parties.
4. Liaising with your Parish or Town Council to exchange information and to keep them informed of your activities through a report to Council meetings.
5. Leading local guided walks and organising other events.

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