

Practical Reserves Volunteer Profile

This role is based at the Manx BirdLife Point of Ayre National Reserve.

The Point of Ayre National Reserve is a 105ha reserve at the tip of the isle of Man where Manx BirdLife are reclaiming an industrial wasteland for nature. While it may seem that the best wildlife watching places are left wild, it takes a lot of hard to ensure they are in optimal condition for nature, so we are looking for a team of volunteers to help us do this on our reserve.

As a practical reserve volunteer the tasks you will undertake will depend on the time of year, just some of the activities you might be asked to help with will include cutting and clearing vegetation, maintaining and managing tools and equipment and creating and maintaining visitor infrastructure, such as paths and screens.

This role is flexible and we understand that your time is valuable. Currently, our Reserve Manager has work parties on the third Sunday of each month and you are welcome to join them as often as you can.

This is a really rewarding and enjoyable role. You will be working with a friendly team helping to shape this unique nature reserve for wildlife and people.

If you enjoy being outdoors, then this role could be the perfect opportunity for you to get out, keep your fitness levels up (not all tasks are strenuous, but you will need some level of fitness to take part) as well as helping your mental health and wellbeing.

Whatever your reason for volunteering, whether it is to learn new skills and gain knowledge about wildlife conservation work, to give something back and help to safeguard nature on your Island or if it is just to get out of the house, you will find that our friendly and supportive team happy to help.

If you would like more information on this role or any other aspect of our work at the Manx BirdLife Point of Ayre then please email us at <u>pointofayre@manxbirdlife.im</u>

If you are keen to give us your time but this role isn't for you then we're happy to talk to you about the different options we have to volunteer with Manx BirdLife. Call us on 01624 861130 or email <u>enquiries@manxbirdLife.im</u> for more information.

Manx BirdLife is the independent wildlife conservation charity based in the Isle of Man working to protect, restore and enhance the Island's wild bird populations and the habitats on which they depend.

