

Volunteer Role Profile

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Area Rights of Way Officer

Volunteer Manager

Area Chair

Where you will be based

Community

Why we want you

Rights of way are vital to make sure that the countryside is kept open and accessible, helping people to enjoy walking in the natural environment. However, there are frequent applications to change or amend the various footpaths and the Ramblers is consulted on them all. The local teams of Footpath Officers work together with the Area Footpath Secretary, making sure that there is coordinated and consistent response, helping to protect our country's rights of way.

What you will be doing

- Representing the Ramblers at meetings and public events, both online and in your local area
- Coordinating the rights of way volunteers across the area and its groups, making sure everyone is kept informed
- Representing the Ramblers' Area on rights of way issues with the local authority
- Keeping up to date with legal and policy information about paths and planning issues nationally as well as in your own area
- Checking and assessing local paths, reporting any issues

The skills you need

- Confident but diplomatic
- Able to develop an understanding of rights of way and legal issues
- Friendly and personable with the ability to influence
- Good at presenting arguments in writing and in person
- Basic IT skills - the ability to send emails, access documents and maps digitally, and organise or attend online meetings

What's in it for you

- Opportunity to use your existing networking skills
- Work with a small group of fellow volunteers to influence local policy
- Access training on rights of way law and other relevant subjects
- Shape and lead on rights of way protection in partnership with your local authority