



**Yorkshire  
Wildlife Trust**

**2020**

# Volunteer Training Programme



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You'll learn all the essentials of running practical tasks, including what biohazards might exist, problem solving scenarios and the paperwork and H&S elements to complete.

**Butterfly training**  
Monday 6th  
2pm – 4pm

**Venue: Barlow Common**  
Join me for a leisurely walk around Barlow Common spotting & identifying the local butterflies & their habitats. **This event is weather dependant.**

## JULY

**Involving volunteers**

Monday 20th  
9.30m – 4.30pm

**Venue: Potteric Carr**  
Learn about volunteer motivations, recruitment, volunteers and the law, tips on supervision and how to retain your volunteers, YWT processes and problem solving. This course is for task day leaders and volunteers who lead other volunteers.

## AUGUST

**Event leader training**

Friday 14th  
10am – 4pm

**Venue: Skipton**  
Join us to learn about events, what makes a good event, event themes and audiences and all the essential H&S and administration considerations. This course is for volunteers who are assisting with delivering event or educational activities or would like to.

**Bumblebee training**

Wednesday 26th  
10am – 4pm

**Venue: Potteric Carr**  
Learn about what you can do to help bumblebees. We will discuss, declines of bumblebees, habitat management, what you can do in your garden, bumblebee species and how to identify them. If the weather is good we will go outside and have a practical ID session with bumblebees. We will also look at the Bumblebee Conservation Trusts, Bumblebee Walk scheme and how you can get involved.

## SEPTEMBER

**Outdoor incident management with Underwood Training**

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th  
9.30am – 6.30pm

**Venue: Potteric Carr**  
This First Aid training covers outdoor scenarios you could find yourself giving first aid. This 2 day course will provide you with a First Aid qualification for 3 years. Booking priority is given to volunteers who require this training to carry out their role.

**Intertidal species identification**

Friday 18th  
10am – 4pm

**Venue: Living Seas Centre**  
There's a fascinating underwater world that is uncovered at each low tide. Book a place on this ID course and come along and find out what lurks beneath the seaweed!

## OCTOBER

**Task day leader**

Thursday 15th  
9.30am – 4.30pm

**Venue: Stirley**

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**Fungi identification**

Wednesday 21st  
10.30am – 2.30pm

**Venue: Potteric Carr**  
Fantastical Fungi and its many forms will be the subject of this workshop. Come along and see what you will find at Potteric Carr nature reserve and learn how to identify them.

**Membership awareness**

Tuesday 27th  
10am – 1pm

**Venue: York**  
Join this session and learn why Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has a membership scheme, understand what the benefits of becoming a member are, and gain the skills and confidence to encourage people to support us.

## NOVEMBER

**Get your career started**

Friday 13th  
10am – 1pm

**Venue: York**  
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**Leadership skills**



**ID Skills**



**Surveying**



**Learning**

For further information or a to enquire about booking a course, please email [volunteering@ywt.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ywt.org.uk) or call **01904 659570**

[ywt.org.uk](http://ywt.org.uk)

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## JANUARY

### Task day leader Monday 20th

9.30am – 16.30pm  
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### Working with and empowering young people Friday 31st

10am – 4pm  
Venue: York  
Attend this course to learn the basics of working with young people and in the second half of the day look at how to empower and support them in regard to climate change and other topical issues.

## FEBRUARY

### Willow tit identification and surveying Wednesday 5th

10am – 3.30pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Willow Tits are the UK's most threatened bird species and need our help. This training is for volunteers who will be assisting with our Back from the Brink Project. The course will provide background into the species, how to ID them and then the survey techniques used. Priority will be given to volunteers that are specific to the project.

### Living Seas programme update Wednesday 5th

10am – 11.30am  
Venue: Living Seas Centre  
An update on our Living Seas programme – the journey so far and our future aspirations. Come and hear about our Living Seas appeal and how you can get involved.

### Involving volunteers Tuesday 11th

9.30am – 4pm  
Venue: Spurn  
If you work closely with or manage volunteers then join us to learn about what motivates volunteers, volunteer retention and volunteers and the law, as well as essential admin and H&S. This course is for task day leaders, volunteers who lead other volunteers and staff.

### INNS & Biosecurity Training Wednesday 19th

10am – 12noon  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Join us for an introduction into the exotic world of Invasive Non-native Species (INNS). Learn how to identify our most common invasive species and understand the impact they are having here in Yorkshire. We will also focus on how we can prevent the spread of INNS through practicing good Biosecurity measures.

## MARCH

### Spoon carving Tuesday 3rd

10.30am – 2.30pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Learn some cool whittling skills with knives and axes and hopefully leave with a spoon!

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## APRIL

### Forest school skills (not accredited) Wednesday 1st

10.30am – 2.30pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Pick up some useful skills in forest craft like how to make a fire, make twine and cook.

### Creating memorable visitor experiences Tuesday 7th

10am – 12noon  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
From a simple 'hello' to keeping up the appearance of our reserves (despite being mid-task), we are all involved in creating memorable visitor experiences. Discover how you can help to create a warm welcome and learn tips on how to engage visitors in what they can see and do at our sites – as well share key messages about Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Quality visitor experiences can encourage repeat visits and gain support for our valuable work. You may even inspire someone to volunteer!

### Fresh water pond invertebrates Tuesday 14th

2pm – 4pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Identify some common freshwater inverts and learn about what they mean for water quality.

### Great Crested Newt ID & Survey techniques. Wednesday 15th

5pm – 9pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Join us for an evening of GCN spotting, learn how to identify and survey these incredible creatures. **This event is weather dependant.**

### Membership awareness Thursday 30th

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## MAY

### Environmental games and activities Wednesday 13th

10.30am – 2.30pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Have some tricks up your sleeve if you become a bit stuck with what to do with a group of young people. We will make a little booklet to keep a record of all the activities.

### Watervole surveying techniques Tuesday 19th

11am – 2.30pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
Join us on the hunt for ratty, we'll be looking for signs of water vole and the different indicators of water vole presence.

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## JUNE

### Habitat creation and restoration Thursday 11th

10am – 4pm  
Venue: Potteric Carr  
The morning will be spent learning the theory of habitat creation focusing on grassland creation and woodland improvement, but touching on many habitats. You will head outdoors for hands on practical work.

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