



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Volunteers Survey 2020 - The Results



The results

Earlier this year we asked your opinion about aspects of your volunteering at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. We've looked at what our volunteers said and compiled some of the results in this infographic guide.



Why our volunteers come back*



85%

A whopping 85% of our volunteers said they volunteer to make a difference to the natural environment.



62%

62% of our volunteers, volunteer to feel useful.



64%

64% want to specifically support the work of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.



50%

Half our volunteers do it to keep fit and exercise.

*volunteers could choose multiple answers

Positive impacts of volunteering



of our volunteers felt healthier as a result of their volunteering activity.



of our volunteers felt their volunteering delivered what they hoped it would.



of our volunteers have taken part in our training programme.

How volunteers feel about the impact they have on nature



- No impact 0.00%
- A little impact 10.55%
- A moderate amount of impact 42.66%
- A lot of impact 34.40%
- A great deal of impact 12.39%

Volunteer experiences

We asked our volunteers to tell us about their experiences- the good and not so good. There were some common themes and these are set out below.

Provide enjoyable outdoor activities and experiences.

Our staff are friendly and welcoming.

We provides opportunities to spend time on nature reserves.

We have knowledgeable and professional staff.

Provide opportunities to meet likeminded people, meet new friends and build connections.

Demonstrate to volunteers the impact management practices are actually having in the long-term for nature.

More training for machinery use.

Can we show how individual volunteering fits into the bigger picture.

More good quality tools.

Communicate clearly to our volunteers and include them where possible for future plans/vision for our reserves.



Overall satisfaction

96% of our volunteers would recommend volunteering at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Quotes

“ I enjoy spending time outside in an environment I love. This role gives me the opportunity to do this without feeling guilty for taking time out. ”

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“I just love working outside with others, doing work that helps wildlife.”
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“It’s very fulfilling to contribute to monitoring and hopefully future welfare of cetaceans”
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What will we do with the results ?

Some of the things we will be working on in the near future:

- ★ Providing more opportunities for young people and people from different backgrounds to get involved with our work.
- ★ Providing more opportunities both online and face to face for volunteers to find out more about our work and meet one another.
- ★ Ensure there is a consistently good level of experience for volunteers across the Trust (i.e. quality tools, training, inductions and communication)

We'll use the survey data to improve our volunteering processes and support of volunteers. It is shared with our Senior Leadership Team and staff team who in turn will use feedback to inform future strategic plans and then how we deliver our volunteering activities on the ground.

Our volunteers' opinions and experiences are important to us, by sharing these with us through the survey, we can strive to provide the best possible experience.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and support, without them we just wouldn't be able to do as much as we can to help wildlife.

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