



Volunteer Role Summary

Livestock Looking

Lookers are reliable people who love spending time outdoors and want to help look after the livestock that maintain our amazing chalk grassland. They make sure that the sheep, horses and cows that graze the partnership area are healthy and report any problems to a member of staff.

Up on the Downs work in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust, National Trust and White Cliffs Countryside Partnership and look after over 500 hectares of chalk grassland in the Dover and Folkestone area. We need to use livestock to graze these sites to make sure that this grassland has rich and varied wildlife. With such a large area to look after and 10 or more herds of cows or flocks of sheep needing to be looked after at any one time we are dependent upon the hard work of volunteers to help us make sure that animals are in good condition.

By getting involved, you could...

- Ensure that the highest possible animal welfare standards are being maintained
- Make a real difference to how the landscape is managed for future generations
- Spend more time outside and active
- Working alongside dedicated countryside management professionals, learning skills along the way
- Join a friendly and varied team and make some new friends

What's involved?

You will work on a rota with other volunteers and will be asked to go to a specific site on a particular day and:

- Check the right number of animals are present
- Get close enough to tell whether they are healthy
- Check that water is provided and that ice is broken in freezing weather
- Report any problems with fencing, gates or paths
- Report back to staff to let them know you have checked the animals

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This role will suit you if you are ...

- Outdoorsy, whatever the weather's doing
- Somebody who takes regular walks in the countryside
- Keen to work with people and animals!
- Passionate about the Up on the Downs landscape area
- Available at least once a week

Extra information

- You do not need to be an expert as training will be provided
- We have opportunities to volunteer at the following places:
 - Old Park Hill (Dover)
 - Gorse Hill (Dover)
 - Dover Castle (Dover)
 - Nemo Down (Dover)
 - Samphire Hoe (Dover)
 - White Cliffs (Dover)
 - Western Heights (Dover)
 - South Foreland Valley (St Margaret's at Cliffe)
 - National Trust sites at St Margaret's
 - The Warren (Folkestone)
 - Folkestone Downs (Folkestone)

The location of these sites can be found on the accompanying map.

Find out more

Contact Mike Phillips on 01304 872158 or at mike.phillips@dover.gov.uk More information can be found on the Up on the Downs website www.uponthedowns.org.uk/Get-Involved/Looking.aspx

We will then find out which sites you are interested in and put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.



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Grazing sites with looking opportunities available

