

Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership



Volunteer Agreement

I am pleased to formally welcome you to the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership as a volunteer. Volunteers are very important to us, and we believe that you have the skills and commitment necessary to make a valuable contribution.

Part of my role is to guide and support you in your activity. My contact details are:

Martin Thomas

Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, TN24 8XU Office Telephone: 03000 410900

Direct Telephone/Mobile: 03000 414162 / 07710 384952

Email: martin.thomas@kent.gov.uk

If you have any concerns, please contact me. Partnership Manager Jon Shelton can also provide advice and guidance – contactable at the above address and on the office phone number.

Over the page is an agreement which summarises what you should expect from us during your time as a volunteer and what we would like from you. **Please read, sign and return one copy** to confirm your agreement to act in the best interests of the team.

Thank you for your time and enthusiasm. I hope you will find your time with us rewarding and worthwhile and enjoyable.

Best wishes,

Martin Thomas

Countryside Partnership Officer

In writing this agreement we (KSCP) agree:

- To introduce you to the organisation
- To provide appropriate training, guidance and support
- To make volunteering accessible wherever possible, making reasonable changes that would assist you
- To treat everyone with dignity and respect
- To match your skills and abilities with the right role wherever possible
- To provide regular opportunities to give and receive constructive feedback on your role.
- To help you develop to reach your personal goals through volunteering
- To pay agreed out of pocket expenses promptly
- To abide by Kent County Council's policies and procedures including: Health & Safety, Diversity & Equality, Data Protection, Confidentiality, Complaints and Safeguarding.
- To provide personal injury & public liability insurance.

In signing this agreement, I (the volunteer) agree:

- To volunteer to the best of my ability in my agreed role.
- To carry out the tasks I am asked to complete to the specified standard.
- To inform the group leader about extended periods of absence.
- To act in line with the organisation's aims, values and policies, including Health & Safety, Diversity, Equality, Data Protection, Confidentiality, and Safeguarding.
- To act in a non-discriminatory, respectful and polite manner to staff and volunteers.
- To report any inappropriate behaviour by staff or volunteers directed towards myself or others.

I (the volunteer) understand:

- That volunteering activities may be physically demanding and I consider myself fit to undertake them. I will promptly inform the team leader of any relevant changes to my health which affects my capacity for working safely.
- If I am not comfortable carrying out any given individual task, I can discuss barriers to my participation with the team leader. However, if a satisfactory solution cannot be found, I may not be able to take part in activities.
- I cannot come on task whilst under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- If using prescription medication which significantly reduces physical or mental capacity I must inform the team leader
- It is advisable to have protection against tetanus when working outdoors.
- All equipment issued to me is not my property and will be returned when requested.
- That I am a volunteer and not an employee of Kent County Council.
- If I have concerns about any aspect of KSCP's work, I can express those concerns at an appropriate time, in private if necessary.
- That if I have a complaint I can speak to group leader Martin Thomas, or Partnership Manager Jon Shelton.
- That my involvement may be reviewed and concluded at any time by either party



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