Volunteer Role Profile
Dedham Vale National Landscape

Constable Country Volunteer Ranger

Role Description

To help look after Constable Country by being the eyes and ears on the ground to ensure visitors to Constable Country have a good visitor experience and the landscape of the Dedham Vale National Landscape is protected for future generations to enjoy.

This scheme is run by the Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Project on behalf of community stakeholders and organisations responsible for the conservation and maintenance of properties and countryside in the area. It's part of a range of projects to 'Help Keep Constable Country Special'.

K**ey Responsibilities and Attitudes**

- Walk footpaths in Constable Country, particularly between Dedham and Flatford, and act as the eyes and ears on the ground for the Dedham Vale National Landscape and it's partners.
- Engage with visitors informing them about the area, places to go, things to do, how to get there, etc.
- Pick up litter.
- Report issues that you come across.
- Be a positive ambassador for the Dedham Vale VMG.
- Promote Keep it Special messages.
- Encourage responsible dog ownership.
- Be responsible for own health and safety whilst out walking.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteer Rangers must attend an Induction Session before they start.
- Ability to walk up to 5 miles over rough ground in all weathers.
- Ability to read OS Explorer and Landranger Maps.
- Ability to develop and maintain friendly conversations with visitors.
- Some interest in and knowledge of art, history, landscape and wildlife.
- Ability to always work in compliance with the Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Project's Health and Safety Policy.

Time Commitment and Practical Requirements

Place of work	Constable Country particularly between Dedham and Flatford.
Facilities	Use of the facilities at National Trust Flatford and the RSPB Wildlife Garden.
Volunteer Manager	Emma Black, Countryside Projects Officer, Dedham Vale

	National Landscape and Stour Valley Project.
Time commitment	At least once a month
Training/resources	Induction training and equipment will be provided.