

Volunteer Rescuer

This is a unique opportunity for you to fulfil your passion of caring for wildlife.

East Sussex Wildlife Ambulance and Rescue Service (WRAS) is an award winning community charity, providing a front-line rescue service and veterinary hospital, responding to calls from members of the public, vets, local authorities, and other animal welfare organisations.

Rescuers will experience a range of challenges when collecting casualties from the wild, some animals may already be contained, or the casualties may need catching, restraining and preparing them for transportation.

You will receive an extremely rewarding experience, by assisting the animals who are injured or suffering and transporting them to the Care Centre, you are providing the animals with their greatest chance of survival.

Core Duties include-

- Responding to calls to rescue casualties across East Sussex.
- Planning and risk assessing rescue situations in the field.
- Assessing/Triaging casualties needs and providing basic first aid.
- Handling and securing casualties.
- Use of safety equipment relevant to the rescue.
- Use of relevant PPE.
- Completion of relevant documentation relating to the rescue.
- Adhering to the Check list requirements when using a WRAS vehicle.
- Cleaning and disinfecting carriers and equipment after rescues.
- Releasing recovered casualties back to the wild

Volunteers will also be asked to:

- Liaise with the Rescue Co-ordinator when out on rescues.
- If you have a concern about any of the casualties, you must report them to a member of staff immediately.
- Abide by WRAS's RoSPA Volunteer Driver's Handbook
- Maintain strict hygiene levels at all time around the centre and inside vehicles
- You will be offered opportunities to participate in training which we hope you will engage with and benefit from.
- Maintain standards in line with the requirements of the role and WRAS's Health and Safety policies and procedures.
- Comply with Equal Opportunities legislation and be pro-active in challenging prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping.
- Adhere to procedures relating to the proper use and care of equipment and materials for which the role has responsibility.
- Treat all members of public with respect and politeness while representing WRAS
- Adhere strictly to WRAS's Covid 19 guidelines.
- Promote the core values and aims of WRAS.
- Report any queries or problems to your Volunteer Coordinator.

Soft skills and personality types we are looking for –

- Confident to handle a wide range of Animals and Birds.
- Good communicator.
- Ability to think calmly and rationally.
- Ability to problem solve.
- Passionate about the care and safety of Wildlife.
- Full UK Driving Licence
- Understand instructions and follow guidelines and procedures.
- Commitment, reliability and time management skills.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work within a Team environment and promote Team culture.

Normal Shift patterns are as follows

Daytime Rescue Shift Monday to Sunday 10am – 6pm

Evening Rescue Shift Monday to Sunday 6pm – 10pm

The shifts currently work on a once a week commitment basis. We welcome Volunteers to do multiple shifts if you have availability to do so.

There will be occasions where we may ask Volunteers to help cover other shifts when required.

As a Volunteer Rescuer you must be over 18, and over 21 to drive the WRAS ambulances.

Your Volunteer Manager is Ellie Langridge – Volunteer Coordinator – 07483395484 – ellie@eastsussexwras.org.uk

The Duty Rescue Coordinator changes depending on which day/evening you are rescuing-

- Trevor Weeks
- Katie Nunn-Nash
- Karen Francis
- Ellie Langridge
- Kristy Sayer