

# Volunteer Heathland Patrol

## VOLUNTEER ROLE

<b>Why DWFRS needs this role?</b>	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service area includes some beautiful heathland and sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) which are at risk of fire. Included in these areas are some of the countries rarest reptiles so their safety is of the utmost importance. This role can be done by on foot (runners or walkers), on a bicycle or a horse. The aim of this role is to inform the public of the dangers of not following the countryside code whilst enjoying the beauty of our heathland.
<b>Potential time commitment:</b>	Flexible to fit with the prolonged dry weather – predominantly Spring & Summer months
<b>Location:</b>	In areas of heathland across the county
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To adhere to our RESPECT framework, Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity &amp; Inclusion policies</li> <li>Represent the service at the highest level</li> <li>To be a presence on the heathland, engaging members of the public and speaking about heathland safety</li> <li>Identify &amp; report any potential fire risks</li> <li>Be aware of service lone working policy</li> <li>Follow the services Health &amp; Safety policy</li> </ul>
<b>Measures of success</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reduction in the number of heath fires</li> <li>An increase in knowledge of fire risks</li> </ul>
<b>Training &amp; Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training to fulfil your role will be provided</li> <li>DWFRS will provide opportunities for personal development within your role</li> </ul>
<b>What will the role give you?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a motivated team</li> <li>Learn new skills</li> <li>Meet new people</li> <li>Improve self confidence</li> <li>Enhance your CV</li> <li>The chance to volunteer alongside an emergency service</li> </ul>

Person Specification	Required	Desirable		Required	Desirable
Computer literacy		✓	Punctuality/Reliability	✓	
Excellent Interpersonal Skills	✓		Wear Corporate Uniform	✓	
Team Player	✓		Physically Fit	✓	
Access and ability to ride a bicycle or horse					

<b>R</b> esponsibility	making clear decisions, taking responsibility of your role & actions, being honest, assertive, doing your best and doing things in the right way
<b>E</b> quality	knowing about your community, knowing yourself, being fair and ethical, challenging unacceptable behaviour, championing diversity, respecting individual differences and doing what's morally right.
<b>S</b> upport	working effectively with others, supporting colleagues, being sensitive to others feelings and wellbeing, being aware of your own behaviour, managing your performance, understanding boundaries, giving and receiving feedback.
<b>P</b> rofessionalism	being credible, confident and having impact, understanding your context, recognising key groups and building relationships with them, assessing impact, co-operating, compromising and recognising when to lead and when to let others do so.
<b>E</b> xcellence	wanting to do a good job, being flexible and giving your best effort to all tasks, adapting to situations and overcoming barriers, inspiring others, involving people and sharing information openly
<b>C</b> ommunication	interacting effectively, having integrity and recognising different styles that suit others, simplifying information, being diplomatic and sensitive to the audience, making and keeping useful contacts, actively listening and committing to organisational decisions.
<b>T</b> ransformation	questioning existing practices, thinking of new ideas and being able to cope with ambiguity, creating solutions, adapting previous experience and finding 'quick wins', being empowered, empowering other and being open to change.
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	To be responsible for your own health and safety and that of others with whom you volunteer, by reporting all potential and actual health and safety matters including accidents using the correct procedures.
<b>Safeguarding</b>	DWFRS is committed to safeguarding and expects all volunteers to share this commitment and comply with the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Safeguarding training will be given at Induction.