



## Slapton Ley Volunteer Post

<b>Role Title:</b>	Practical Conservation Team
<b>When:</b>	All year.
<b>Commitment:</b>	Wednesday mornings, any time of year.
<b>Duration:</b>	A morning in the field ( <i>weather permitting</i> ).
<b>Requirements:</b>	<p>You will work with a member of Field centre staff on a range of practical tasks. You will need to be physically fit and happy to work out in all weathers. Some experience of using hand tools would be helpful.</p> <p>Conservation Tasks might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing vegetation with hand tools</li> <li>• Constructing woodland paths and steps</li> <li>• Hand pulling invasive plants.</li> <li>• Constructing fences and stiles.</li> </ul> <p>There could be opportunities to be trained to use brush cutters or knapsack sprayers. We are happy to discuss this with you.</p>
<b>What's In It For You:</b>	<p>An opportunity to help the Field Studies Council, an environmental education charity, and to support the local and tourist communities. The chance to develop your own knowledge of Slapton Ley by interacting with members of the public and colleagues alike. Another benefit of volunteering is all the tea, cake and lunches you can eat, provided by the fantastic kitchen team!</p>
<b>Why We Want You:</b>	A nature reserve needs constant maintenance and contractors can be expensive. It is also helpful to have assistants who understand what we are trying to achieve and can work on tasks which require continuity.
<b>Notes:</b>	Assistance and training will be given where necessary.
<b>For more information, contact:</b>	<p>Lizzy Mooney  <a href="mailto:volunteer.sl@field-studies-council.org">volunteer.sl@field-studies-council.org</a>            01548 580466</p>

## The Field Studies Council

The Field Studies Council is an independent environmental education charity committed to helping people, discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Its network of centres provides day and residential courses for all ages from young children to retired adults from schools and communities throughout the UK. It also reaches many others through its publications and community-based programmes.

### FSC Slapton Ley

	<p>Slapton Ley is situated in the coastal village of Slapton, and close to the largest freshwater lake in the south west of England. Dartmoor, Start Bay, farmed landscape, steep sided valleys and extensive reed beds provide a variety of teaching sites, as does the Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve which the FSC manages on behalf of Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust.</p>
	<p>Slapton Ley Field Centre has developed an excellent reputation for the delivery of high quality <i>Geography</i> and <i>Biology</i> courses at 'A' level. We also provide courses for visiting university groups and individuals for professional development and leisure learning.</p> <p>The Field Studies Council strives to invest in training and development which will create the environment for staff to maximise their potential in taking FSC forward. First Aid and Health and Safety are compulsory requirements for the role of FSC Tutors', therefore new tutors will be offered in-house training, where necessary.</p>
	<p>Looking after our customers is of paramount importance and the <i>Office</i>, <i>Kitchen</i>, <i>Household</i> and <i>Education</i> teams all play their part in ensuring we offer outstanding customer service. The management of the <i>Centre</i> is inclusive, with everyone being expected to contribute and having the opportunity to develop their skills and experience.</p>
	<p>There are approximately 30 staff at the <i>Centre</i>, with about half living locally. All other staff are residential and live in shared accommodation within the village of Slapton. Slapton provides village amenities including a shop and 2 pubs as well as an active rural community within which the <i>Centre</i> and staff are fully involved.</p>