

## Definition of Volunteering within Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership

The Heritage Lottery Fund adopts the definition published in the Volunteering Compact Code of Practice:

*Volunteering is an activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit the environment or individuals or groups other than (or in addition to) close relatives (2005).*

This would include all individuals who have signed up as Heart of Teesdale volunteers as well as those who have not but are engaged in a project or activity which is delivered by or in partnership with Heart of Teesdale. Volunteers will fall into one of the following groups.

**Heart of Teesdale volunteers** work directly with and report to the Heart of Teesdale Volunteering Officers (Green and Environmental Issues or Culture and Heritage), therefore are covered by the insurance of DCC.

1. **Regular volunteers** - give their time on a regular basis or for a continuous period for a particular activity. Examples:

- Guiding monthly history walks,
- Attending a weekly conservation task,
- Delivering a programme of school sessions for a particular project,
- Helping out with youth group sessions every week.

2. **Casual volunteers** - turn up to one event or perhaps give their time as part of a group working with HoT to deliver a specific project or activity. Examples:

- Taking part in a one off litter picking event,
- Taking part in a community consultation exercise,
- Attending a conservation task as a part of corporate day for company staff.

3. **Placements** – usually take on more specialised roles and can be organised through another organisation such as a university. In most cases there will be a clear start and end point. Examples:

- A university student working on a project one day a week for ten weeks,
- A young person undertaking work experience in the office one day per week through the school holidays,
- A person undertaking event reporting duties and writing of press releases.

**Partner Volunteers** work directly with and report to the partner organisations/groups and therefore need to be covered by the insurance of the partner. These can include regular, casual and placement volunteers). Examples:

- Recording wildlife using remote capture cameras led by Durham Wildlife Trust,
- Helping with the Woodland Fit for Fairies project led by Tees Rivers Trust,
- Planting bulbs with the Barningham Parish Council.