

Volunteer on the Ayres NNR

Experience the benefits of nature through volunteering on the Ayres NNR

Invasive Non-Native Species Management

Contact the DEFA Biodiversity Warden if you would like to assist with digging up and removing non-native plants on the NNR including New Zealand flax and monbretia. Left unchecked these species spread and push out the fragile dune plants.



Nest Monitoring

Train alongside DEFA Biodiversity Warden to undertake nest monitoring on the NNR. This requires regular twice weekly commitment from April to July and is weather dependant. The north-west coast is a very important area for beach nesting birds. Regular monitoring provides information on the number of birds nesting and their breeding success.



Managing Scrub

The important wetland areas on the NNR known as dune slacks are being taken over by sallow scrub that shades out rare plants. Contact the DEFA Biodiversity Warden if you or your organisation would like to assist with scrub removal to benefit wildlife.



Tern Volunteers

Monitor terns and provide interested visitors with information about these fantastic birds and other wildlife. Training provided. Contact the DEFA Biodiversity Warden.



Butterfly Monitoring

Join Dawn Colley's team of butterfly recorders and walk a set route once a week (weather dependant) recording butterflies and day flying moths. Contact Dawn for more information dawn.c.colley@gmail.com. Training provided.



Manx Wildlife Trust's Ayres Nature Discovery Centre

The Centre provides information about the wildlife and habitats found at the Ayres and is open from 1pm to 4pm over the summer months. If you would like to join the team of volunteers that welcome visitors to the Centre and the Ayres NNR please contact enquiries@mwt.im
Training provided.



For more information contact Louise Samson, DEFA Biodiversity Warden Ecopolicy@gov.im or 07624 365131

Other volunteer opportunities include rare plant or invertebrate monitoring and tailored student projects.