

<b>Volunteer Role Description: Badger Surveying Volunteer 2024</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	Institute of Zoology, Science Directorate
<b>Location:</b>	Field-based – Various sites across Cornwall
<b>ZSL Contact/ Supervisor:</b>	Research/Fieldwork Team – primarily Field Technician
<b>Purpose of role/ project:</b>	<p>Zoological Society of London work with local landowners, farmers and stakeholder groups to develop a way to control the spread of bovine TB in badgers across Cornwall:</p> <p>Our badger vaccination project is aiming to facilitate farmers who wish to control bovine tuberculosis in their wildlife population and research the potential for badger vaccination to contribute towards the control of bovine tuberculosis.</p> <p>We provide surveys and badger vaccination to landowners who sign up to our project on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>More information on our projects can be found at <a href="https://www.zsl.org/science/research/badger-vaccination">https://www.zsl.org/science/research/badger-vaccination</a></p>
<b>Eligibility to apply to this role:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must be aged 18 years or older.</li> </ul>
<b>Commitment of role:</b>	<p>We are looking for volunteer support with badger vaccination between May and November 2024. We are looking for individuals who are happy to help 2-3 days per week during the fieldwork seasons.</p> <p>This role is best suited to people based in Cornwall as we are not able to pay for extended travel and accommodation expenses.</p>
<b>Main tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting with the unlicensed fieldwork associated with badger vaccination.</li> <li>Assisting with camera trapping of vaccination areas.</li> <li>Possible computer work tagging camera trap images.</li> <li>For the organisation to work effectively, you may be required to assist with other areas of work and therefore should be prepared to undertake duties appropriate to the role, as outlined by your Volunteer Supervisor.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills, attitudes and experience needed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enthusiasm and an interest in animals and conservation</li> <li>Ability to work calmly and sensitively in animal environments</li> <li>Good levels of tact and diplomacy as this work can be a sensitive or controversial subject</li> <li>Good levels of physical fitness – you will be on your feet for much of the day</li> <li>Good levels of English to enable clear communication and understanding</li> <li>Good initiative and a willingness to learn, follow instructions and communicate</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to attend induction and ongoing training</li> <li>• Ability to demonstrate ZSL’s values – inspiring, innovative, impactful, collaborative, ethical and inclusive</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reasons to apply:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opportunity to be involved in an international conservation charity</li> <li>• The opportunity to work with an excellent highly motivated research/fieldwork team</li> <li>• Experience in badger surveys and unlicensed vaccination field skills</li> <li>• The opportunity to assist/observe badger vaccination</li> <li>• Training and an opportunity to learn new skills</li> <li>• Support from an experienced research/fieldwork team</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant training provided:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site induction, including health and safety</li> <li>• Practical surveying skills training</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support and resources provided:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralised ZSL Volunteer Management Team for general enquiries, support and problem-solving based at London Zoo/Whipsnade Zoo</li> <li>• Named ZSL contact/supervisor from the Research/Fieldwork Team.</li> <li>• Volunteer ID pass.</li> <li>• Relevant PPE.</li> <li>• Regular Staff and Volunteer e-newsletter.</li> <li>• Opportunities to attend optional ZSL volunteer recognition and thank you activities.</li> <li>• Discounts on ZSL products, experiences, and activities.</li> <li>• Travel expenses from home to the fieldwork sites for this project will be reimbursed up to £22.50 a day on their duty or training day, allowing for mileage up to 50 miles round trip. Alternative environmentally friendly options such as car sharing should also be explored as much as possible.</li> </ul> <p>*NB. Volunteers will be required to wear their own clothing to undertake this role and should be prepared for it to get dirty. We advise that volunteers will need walking boots, wellies and full waterproofs (coat and trousers).</p>
<p><b>Workplace Conditions:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This role is based exclusively outside but is weather-dependent. Surveying may be postponed in torrential weather.</li> <li>• Please note this role involves lengthy periods of walking and standing so a good level of fitness is required.</li> <li>• Please note that this role takes place in remote outdoor locations with no access to catering or toilet facilities.</li> <li>• This role will require some independent and lone working in the field. Full health and safety guidance will be given.</li> <li>• Smoking/vaping is not permitted whilst undertaking duties in the field. Reasonable breaks will be provided for volunteers to use as needed.</li> </ul>