

Getting involved with the Marlborough Downs NIA Project

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

I would be interested in finding out more about becoming involved in (please tick all that apply):

Practical conservation/access tasks (eg scrub bashing, ragwort pulling, tree planting, footpath clearing, etc.)

- On a particular site/farm (please specify)
- As a volunteer
- Supervising volunteers

Additional comments/suggestions:

Survey work (with training if required)

- Botanical surveys
- Butterfly surveys
- Farmland bird surveys
- Other species surveys (please specify):
- Monitoring usage of NIA waymarked trails

Additional comments/suggestions:

NIA events

- Giving talks to local interest groups
- Hosting a workshop/farm walk
- Helping to organise the annual NIA celebration event
- Leading educational activities
- Supporting educational activities (with teacher/other leading)

Additional comments/suggestions:

Promotion and communications

- Fund-raising
- Helping to prepare promotional materials
(leaflets, articles, etc.)

Additional comments/suggestions:

Delivery Groups

We have four groups to help us “deliver” and coordinate the project on the ground. These are made up of three to five people. Members of the group might be farmers, local residents, consultants, staff from partner organisations (Wiltshire Council and GWCT) or other groups/agencies active in the area. Each group meets at least once per quarter and works closely with the Project Management team.

Delivery groups are pro-active and have a number of roles relevant to their theme such as:

- *achieving the project targets;*
- *working with other relevant projects in the area;*
- *helping to find and support volunteers;*
- *identifying and securing addition funding;*
- *promoting the project and communicating its successes.*

The four delivery groups are as follows, please tick any that you might be interested in joining:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife sites | Restoring, managing, creating and linking wildlife habitat, with a particular emphasis on chalk grassland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downland species | Creation of corridors and steppingstones as breeding and foraging habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and education | Forging links with local parishes, businesses, schools, colleges and community groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access and interpretation | Providing way-marked trails on Public Rights of Way to connect and showcase NIA activities |

The Project Board

- The Board is to be made up of five farmer trustee/directors, and nominations will be invited in due course. If you have a farm in the area and would like to be considered, please tick here

In addition, I have the following skills/connections that might be useful to the NIA Project:

Please use this space to tell us about anything else you think you might be able to do to support the project, for example expertise in IT, design, marketing, law, finance, etc. or about any other groups you're involved with that might wish to work with the NIA project.

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