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## **Volunteer role description**



## **CATCHMENT VOLUNTEER**

## Purpose of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust:

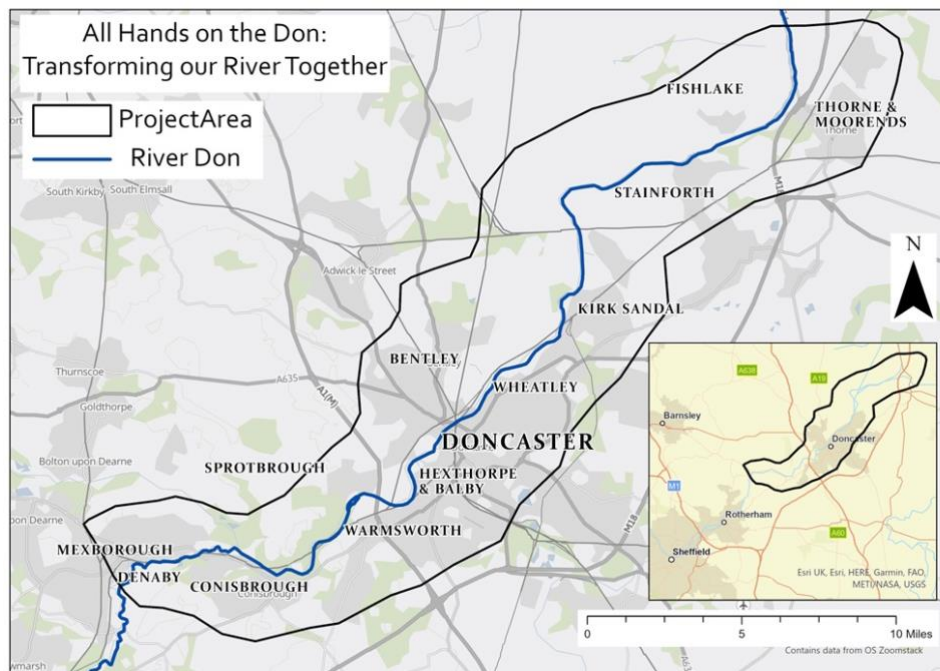
Don Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT) was established to help protect and restore the rivers and streams of the River Don catchment area. Our rivers are a valuable asset which tell the story of our culture and heritage. They are important for people, wildlife and the local economy, and form an integral part of our landscape.

## All Hands on the Don

The Don Catchment Rivers Trust has received National Lottery Heritage Funding for the 'All Hands on the Don' project. Our ambition is to;

1. Realise the River Don's potential as green-blue infrastructure & as a source of health, wellbeing & skills development.
2. Explain the profound transformation of the River Don & drive forward biodiversity gain.
3. Celebrate and promote natural & historic heritage.

The project is based around the City of Doncaster from Mexborough at the upstream end, to Thorne at the downstream end. We will work with partners to deliver a range of engagement activities and will create habitats in the river corridor. The project area broadly covers the area seen below.



## Purpose of the Role:

With DCRT staff you will help to make physical improvements to the rivers in the catchment. This will include improving access, litter picking, removing invasive non-native species (INNS) and small scale works in rivers. You will be able to get outside, learn about local watercourses, develop skills and spend time in nature.

## Outline of tasks and activities:

Depending on experience and particular area of interest:

- Help local community groups to remove INNS from rivers
- Physical works to rivers and their environs: thinning trees, removing debris etc
- Improving access to rivers: litter picking, vegetation removal, creating paths, fixing fences and stiles
- Maintaining equipment
- Checking of DCRT assets such as interpretation boards and litter bins
- Contribute to gathering evidence for project evaluation
- Produce articles for blogs and local press

This role will suit people who:

- Want to get outdoors and learn about their natural heritage
- Are willing to be part of a team, and share experience and knowledge with other volunteers
- Are able to communicate with a wide range of people
- Knowledge of the natural and historic heritage of the River Don is not essential, but a willingness to learn would be desirable and training will be available

## Location & hours:

Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust's programme of events. This may include evenings and weekends. The majority of our project will take place within the project area but may also encompass the wider Doncaster Metropolitan Borough. This may include a variety of green spaces, including parks and wildlife sites.

## Training & support:

- Catchment volunteers will be overseen by DCRT's Volunteering Officer
- An induction and training will be available. For example there will be the opportunity to learn first aid, how to identify different species, how to work safely in water etc
- A DBS check may be required

## Reimbursement of expenses:

Volunteers will be able to claim public transport or vehicle mileage (payable upon monthly expense claim) as per the volunteering policy

## Application procedure:

- Expression of interest form (below)
- Informal meeting
- References and DBS check sought (if applicable)
- Induction and settling in period (to be mutually agreed)

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