

Volunteer GIS Phase 1 Habitat Digitaliser – Limited places available

In September 2013, CBDC initiated a volunteer project aimed at 'vectorising' 1980s raster Phase 1 habitat maps covering the county of Cumbria using Mapinfo GIS. It is hoped that this 1980s baseline information will be used for quantifying changes in the Cumbrian landscape when compared with any future Phase 1 surveys of the county. The project outputs could also be put to use in a number of other ways such as for targeting ecological restoration efforts. The primary role of the Volunteer GIS Phase 1 Habitat Digitaliser is to vectorise raster Phase 1 habitat maps using a range of MapInfo GIS tools, following set procedures.

Full training is given for this role and these volunteers work as a team with our Data Officer, Dr. Moustafa Eweda, to ensure the highest standards of data quality are maintained. Volunteering with CBDC is great way to meet like-minded people, gain GIS skills for your chosen career path, or simply to get personal satisfaction from doing something very worthwhile for the biodiversity in your county.

A potential Volunteer GIS Phase 1 Habitat Digitaliser would ideally (but not essentially) have excellent attention to detail and problem solving skills, experience with GIS software and a basic knowledge of, or interest in, wildlife habitats. We ask for a minimum commitment of one day (or two half days) per week for a minimum of three months from our Volunteer GIS Phase 1 Habitat Digitalisers. We ask for a minimum commitment level for each role to ensure both volunteers and CBDC benefit.

If you would like to talk about becoming a Volunteer GIS Phase 1 Habitat Digitaliser at CBDC, send an email to Moustafa dataofficer@cbdc.org.uk telling us a bit about yourself, what you would like to get out of volunteering, and any queries you have about the role.