



RiverLife: Almond & Avon, RiverRubbish Volunteer Role Description



Role Title:	River Rubbish Volunteer
Responsible to:	RiverLife: Almond & Avon Volunteer and Learning PO.
Where (Location):	River Almond, Almondell & Calderwood Country Park. Meeting point Mid Calder Car Park, Pumpherston Road, EH53 0AX
Time commitment:	Variable ~ 2hrs a week on average (depending on rainfall events) For a period of 1 calendar month (September)

Role Description

RiverRubbish Volunteers will be asked to come along to a few sessions on the River Almond within Almondell & Calderwood Country Park. We will focus effort on the Waste Water Treatment Works (WwTW) outflow where a lot of rubbish is released into the river. Forth Rivers Trust hopes dedicated volunteers will come along to help collect this rubbish so it may be quantified over the month to show the impacts of the WwTW on the river. Volunteers can then work with an artist to create some artistic signage that will be displayed to the public and will highlight the problems of litter in our rivers.

Main Tasks

- Collecting rubbish from the riverbank and water margin along a stretch of the River Almond down from the Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Compiling data on the quantity and type of rubbish that is collected.
- Going out a few times through the month of September after rainfall to collect the rubbish or to planned group collection events.
- Provide feedback to a community artist that will help them to produce signage commemorating the project and highlighting litter issues.

Required skills, qualities and experience

- Willingness to get stuck in and clean up our riverbanks!
- Ability to use initiative for working alone or in a group to collect the rubbish that has accumulated after rainfall.

Training and support available

- Initial set date to go through the data collection form and allow the Volunteer PO to answer questions.
- Dates scheduled throughout September for group collection days that will allow troubleshooting with the volunteer coordinator

Any other Requirements

Fairly agile as the riverbanks can be steep

