

## **ViP Student Led Projects**

### **Monkey Sanctuary**

Hi there! My name is Kirstie. I'm project leader with the Monkey Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to work with a sanctuary that rescues monkeys from all over the world. We help out in any way we can, doing things like painting buildings and constructing paths. As a thank-you for our work we even get a free tour of the sanctuary at the end of the day!

### **Rural Stations**

The Rural Stations Project is an initiative run by the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership, whose primary aim is to promote tourism on the branch lines in Devon and Cornwall. As volunteers, we help to do any kind of work required at various rural stations. There are a vast range of tasks, from painting to weeding; anything that's required to make each station look its best. This project is a great way to get out into some of the lesser-known places in the local area, as well as meeting new people and doing something different!

### **Sustainable Communities**

This project visits a rare eco community called 'Landmatters' near Totnes, on Saturdays, every other week. To some people, meeting this community is like meeting a Hobbit village from Lord of the Rings. Their environmentally friendly homes have been artistically sculpted, using natural and recycled materials. Living completely sustainably and raising their there families for 10 years, this community are fully open to sharing their skills and experiences with you. This is an adventure for you to see and experience something you may never have the opportunity to do again.

Adventures can include; organic food growing, meeting goats, wood crafts, conservation of biodiversity, building eco structures and any other activities.

### **Green Team**

The green team take on a variety of projects that include beach cleans, visiting Slapton Centre or even working at the local park. We also carry out several environmental projects such as Apple Day at Sharpham Estate and Bioblitz surveys. If you feel like having a fun day out on the beach or at the park and help preserve these places come to one our activities!

### **Moor Trees**

Moor Trees are a Devon based charity that aim to restore native broad-leaf woodlands. Work with Moor Trees includes: Seed collection and preparation, sowing/growing and caring for young trees in nurseries, tree planting and checking up on existing plantations. There's always free tea and cake for anyone who like to volunteer with when we go out on Wednesdays at either 12:00 or 13:00.

### **Barn Owl Trust**

The Barn owl trust is a organisation near Ashburton conserving the barn owl and it's environment. They are situated in an area of twenty six acres of land that was gifted to the trust by a lady named Vivian Lennon, when acquired the area was rough sheep grazing grass land, now with the work of the trust and volunteers like yourselves those twenty six acres have been transformed into an ideal habitat and hunting ground for barn owls. as a tribute to the success of their work there are already two mating couples of wild barn owls on site. The trust also cares for injured barn and tawny owls, there are several aviaries on site housing such occupants, either till nursed back to health and released, or for those who've come to the trust from captivity, to live out their days in peace.

As a volunteer you'll be working in the reserve maintaining the barn owls habitat, such tasks as clearing scrub from riversides, building loose stone walls and pruning orchard trees are a few of the tasks we've been set to before, though the work whatever its form always seems enjoyable in a peaceful fresh countryside atmosphere with a little good company to natter away the day with, ooh and if you bring a packed lunch I'll bring some tea and bikkies and well have a cracking picnic for lunch.