



LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES DECEMBER 2024



LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (LNHS)

is a Registered Charity.

The London Natural History Society is a long established conservation and wildlife recording charity run entirely by volunteers. Getting involved in the LNHS is a great way to make a difference, meet new people, learn new skills and learn about the wildlife and natural history of London. There are many ways to get involved: there are roles on different committees, or you can contribute articles to the LNHS publications and website.

The following specific roles are currently vacant, and we wish to fill them as soon as possible.

**These are all VOLUNTARY POSITIONS
as are all other positions in the LNHS**

LONDON BIRD REPORT - PROOF-READERS

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LONDON BIRD REPORT - PROOF-READERS

A SEASONAL POSITION IN THE LNHS

The LNHS flagship journal, the London Bird Report, needs your help!

We are recruiting Proof-readers for the next issue, due to be published in May 2025. The approximate timeframe for that issue is from mid-March to early April 2025. Dates may vary for later issues. We would like to hear from people with a good knowledge of birds - particularly those occurring in the London Area - and who have experience in proof-reading academic texts.

[Proof-readers - job description](#)

LONDON BIRD REPORT - PHOTOGRAPHIC EDITOR

A SEASONAL POSITION IN THE LNHS

We are looking for a new Photographic Editor, as the current Editor is standing down after completion of the 2023 London Bird Report (due to be published in May 2025). We would like to hear from people with an interest in nature who are sympathetic to the objectives of the Society and have wide experience in selecting and editing high-quality photos. The retiring Editor is very keen to ensure a complete and successful handover and is happy to make the new appointee familiar with all stages of the selection process.

If you are interested, or would like further information, please email lbrdesign@lnhs.org.uk

[Photographic Editor - job description](#)



LONDON BIRD REPORT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

The London Bird Report (LBR) is an outstanding example of an annual, ornithological publication that has been published since 1937. It is currently a handsome 250+ page publication and counts amongst its editorial team some of the best known names in London and the home counties as well as people who are personalities on the wider British scene. The authoritative publication brings together the efforts of professional ornithologists and casual bird watchers to produce an annual distillation of bird records in the recording area of the London Natural History Society (a 20-mile radius of St Pauls Cathedral).

The core of the LBR is the systematic accounts compiled by a team of volunteers who carve up the accounts between them using records submitted by hundreds of observers. In addition, in the LBR there are a number of papers, including Ringing Reports, reports of surveys, site specific accounts and a mix of other popular and scientific papers. The LBR is elegantly designed to show tables and graphical data to best effect and is a full colour publication with use of photographs and illustrations.

Many people volunteer to take on a range of tasks from copy editing, the compilation of species accounts to reviewing scientific papers which have been received. The work is overseen by a strong editorial team. If you'd like more information, please contact the LBR editorial board: edlondbirdrep@lnhs.org.uk

[Information for volunteers](#)



LONDON BIRD CLUB MIDDLESEX AREA BIRD RECORDER

A PERMANENT POSITION IN THE LNHS

We are looking for someone to take on the position of Middlesex Area Bird Recorder for the London Bird Club (part of the LNHS), to replace our previous recorder who had held the role since October 2011. Please see the job description link below:

[Middlesex Area Bird Recorder - job description](#)

LNHS - PUBLICATION SALES SECRETARY

A PERMANENT POSITION IN THE LNHS

We are seeking applications for the position of Publication Sales Secretary and also possibly Assistant Membership Secretary to take over from our current Secretary who has held the first role since February 1998 and latterly the combined roles. For more information, please see the application information PDF.

[Publication Sales Secretary - job description](#)

LNHS - OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the [this page](#) on the LNHS website for other volunteering opportunities with the LNHS.



ABOUT THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1858

The London Natural History Society (or LNHS as it is commonly known) is a local natural history society within the UK concerned with recording the wildlife of London within a circular area of 20-miles radius from St. Paul's Cathedral. The Society's aims are to foster the appreciation and study of London's wildlife and natural environment, and to assist in the conservation of wildlife in the London area by helping to record London's wildlife.

The LNHS consists of a number of active sections. This results in a highly varied programme of talks, organised nature walks and other activities. The variety and number of events for members make the LNHS one of the most active nature societies in the world which is run entirely by volunteers. Whether it is purely for recreation, or to develop field skills for a career in conservation, the LNHS offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Beginners are welcome at every event and gain access to the knowledge of some very skilled naturalists.

On top of its varied public engagement, the LNHS also has a raft of publications free to members. The London Naturalist is its annual journal, with scientific papers as well as lighter material such as book reviews. The annual London Bird Report is an important compilation of bird records during a year. Furthermore, there is a quarterly newsletter, which carries many field trip reports and useful announcements, and a six-monthly illustrated Programme of events and information.

The LNHS maintains its annual membership at a modest level, representing fantastic value for money.

FIND OUT MORE

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