



Area Access Officer (England)

1. The role

Purpose of Role	To promote and protect open access to the countryside as a way of enabling all people to come to a greater knowledge, love and appreciation of the countryside.
Duties	<p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To keep informed of matters relating to Access land in your Area through information sent from Central Office, from local Group networks, local access forums and local authorities.• To monitor and report back to staff at Central Office about relevant local access issues.• To co-ordinate the access work across the Area, for instance, through contact with local RA Groups, or the establishment of an Area Access Committee.• To represent the RA on access issues when communicating with external agencies.• Ensure that news and important information about access issues is represented in Area publications (eg, newsletter & website), and with the Area Publicity Officer, to the wider public through the local media.
Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A love for the British countryside and an interest in working to open access to it for all people.• Good communication skills to be able to work effectively with other RA Groups and external agencies.• Ability to keep in touch with the work of local access officers and to co-ordinate work across the Area.• An understanding, or interest to learn, about access legislation in England.• Preferably, computer literate, able to word-process and communicate by email.
Support available	Support is available from the Freedom to Roam team in Central Office via the phone and email, and also in occasional visits and training sessions. A detailed handbook is provided.

2. Further information

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