

**Name of the project: Green Christmas in London**

**Code: VAP UK-05 / UK-IVS 10.1**

**Dates: 15 to 22 December 2025**

**Topic: Environmental**

**Number of volunteers: 6**

**BACKGROUND:**

The London Wildlife Trust is the only charity dedicated solely to protecting the capital's wildlife and wild spaces, engaging London's diverse communities through access to their nature reserves, campaigning, volunteering and education. London Wildlife Trust manages over 40 nature reserves throughout central and greater London. They rely on volunteers to help manage these reserves helping to clear invasive plants, manage woodland, maintain fencing and creating wildlife friendly habitats.

**WORK:**

Volunteers will work on different environmental projects with the London Wildlife Trust completing practical conservation tasks in the beautiful Sydenham and Dulwich Woods, working alongside local volunteers. Work may include woodland management, cutting and clearing grasslands, picking up litter, removing invasive species, hedging and improving paths. Work will be physical and it will be cold and possibly wet so please come prepared with waterproof clothing and good boots.

**STUDY THEME:**

Volunteers will be visiting the beautiful Lesnes Abbey Woods (<https://www.lesnesabbeywoods.org/>), which is an ancient woodland, park and ruined abbey in South East London that offer plenty of interesting environmental related events. The group will also have the chance to meet the activists of the London South group of IVS/VAP.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Volunteers will be staying at the South London Scout Centre in the midst of woodland with no houses in sight! Dulwich is a pleasant, quiet corner of South London. The SLSC offers bunk beds and central heating. Sleeping bags and working clothes and shoes will be needed. The group will cook their own meals at the centre.

**LOCATION:**

Dulwich, South London.

**TRANSPORT HUB:**

London: St Pancras International Station if you come by train with the Eurostar, Victoria Coach Station if you come by bus or any of the several London airports if you will fly.

**NOTE:**

**IMPORTANT:** From 2025 onwards all foreign nationals travelling to the UK need to apply online for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA). You cannot enter the UK without it. Please check the following link on how to apply for it: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

**HOSTING FEE:**

As this project is funded by IVS/VAP and not by any other local partner, volunteers sent by partner organisations will be asked to pay a fee of £100 GBP (volunteers from SCI Branches will be asked to pay a fee of £50 GBP). This fee will help cover food and accommodation costs. The fee should be paid in advance.