

**British Waterways Advisory Forum
Volunteering Working Group
Terms of Reference**

To consider the opportunities for volunteer engagement in BW's activities, considering optimum levels and range of volunteering with likely life cycles.

To analyse current barriers to volunteering on the waterways and make recommendations for overcoming them.

To collate the views on volunteering from constituent members of BAAF.

To build an overall picture of current levels of volunteering and appropriate benchmarks.

To assess the costs and benefits of volunteering including likely availability of funding opportunities.

To identify the differentiation offered by the waterways to volunteers and to assess the likely levels of demand for each category of volunteering.

To interpret government policy on volunteering and consider the role of Government objectives in the volunteer programme eg diversity, DDA, conservation, carbon emissions.

To advise BW corporate on the appropriate management arrangements for volunteering and to consider support mechanisms for implementation and induction with particular reference to safety and training.