

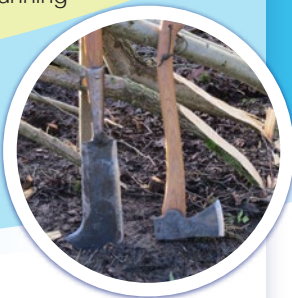
The Saltscap vision

- To protect, restore, enhance and manage this unique place as one environment
- Reconnect the community with their landscapes, heritage and history
- Make the area a better place to work, live and visit

Making it happen

Saltscap will deliver through four project areas with a number of work programmes running under each, these are:

- **Salt Legacy** – restoring and protecting the natural and built features. Saltscap and its volunteers will help secure the future of both the natural and built environments.
- **Salt People** – engaging with people to ensure the long term success of the project. Saltscap aims to support many community groups, who in turn through the developing network will support and learn from each other. This will ensure the salt landscape is managed, maintained, respected and appreciated long into the future.
- **Salt Way** – making the salt landscape accessible to people. The scheme aims to widen the range of users and encourage local people and visitors alike to explore the geology and chemistry of the salt landscape through improving access, creating new trails, towpaths and walkways.
- **Salt Skills** – developing specialist skills in the community. The scheme aims to provide a range of exciting learning experiences, preserving heritage for the future.



I'm interested - what happens next...?

If you have made the great decision to become a Saltscap volunteer or would like to just find out some more information you need to register your interest with us. Please contact info@saltscap.co.uk.

We will be happy to discuss volunteering on Saltscap in more detail with you and you can tell us which volunteering areas you are most interested in getting involved with.

Our volunteers are updated regularly (usually via email/social media) about the opportunities available to them as they arise. You then simply decide if you want to get involved with that project, workday, event or training course and let us know so we can sign you up!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Saltscap

You're one step closer to joining a group of expert partners and the community to ensure that this special landscape is celebrated and managed cohesively to future generations.

Details of all the projects and how you can get involved can be found at

www.saltscap.co.uk

or contact a member of the Saltscap Team on

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What is Saltscape?

The Saltscape landscape is an area of central Cheshire extending along the River Weaver from Frodsham to the salt towns of Northwich, Winsford and Middlewich. The landscape owes much of its distinctive character to man's exploitation of salt, creating a landscape rare both nationally and internationally. Only here will you find this unique mix of wildlife habitats, post-industrial landscapes, rivers and canals that result from Cheshire's industrial salt heritage.

What is the project?

Saltscape is a £1.4million landscape partnership funded by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund. It will run for just over three years from 2015 – 2017. Partners from the community, the public sector, voluntary organisations and the private sector are working together to deliver over 30 projects to protect, restore and celebrate the salt landscape of the Weaver Valley in Cheshire.



How can I get involved?

Saltscape Heritage Festivals and Events

Help the team to reach out to the local community at a wide variety of events across the year. You could assist with hosting show stands, running interpretation stop points, delivering heritage themed activities or simply providing a much needed extra pair of hands. Previous events our volunteers have attended include, The Cheshire Show, Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival and Northwich Open Heritage Day.

Saltscape Wildlife Recorders

In conjunction with RECORD, Saltscape volunteers are being trained in wildlife identification, surveying, tracking and data-recording techniques to build a better knowledge and understanding of some of the key wildlife of the area. Volunteers have previously been trained to survey for water voles, bees, butterflies and reptiles.



Heritage and Conservation Training Courses

You could take part in our annual programme of workshops and training days in skills relevant to the Weaver Valley ranging from hedge laying to traditional craft such as basket making. These courses are open to our volunteers and provide a great opportunity to learn some practical heritage skills.

Historical Building Restoration

With the help of volunteers Saltscape is restoring and enhancing a range of historical landmarks and buildings within the Weaver Valley. Volunteers are being trained in traditional skills, such as building with lime mortar, to assist in the restoration of heritage structures.

Canal Heritage and Conservation

Saltscape will work to improve, repair and restore structures along the network of canals and rivers that navigate the Weaver Valley. Saltscape volunteers are paired with the Canal & Rivers Trust to help with projects such as heritage milepost restoration.

Habitat Management

Saltscape will work to improve aquatic and terrestrial habitats for wildlife across the Weaver Valley. Our volunteers are paired with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to help with practical conservation tasks, habitat management and wildlife citizen science projects.

History, Geology and Archaeology

Saltscape is working on specific projects unearthing the history, geology and archaeological remains of the area. Opportunities for archaeological training and surveying, historical records analysis and helping to develop interpretive material will be available to volunteers during these projects.

IMPORTANT – Please note that the opportunities listed are examples across the whole 3 year project and will be advertised to Saltscape volunteers as and when they occur.

