

About me and why I would like the opportunity to meet you

My name is Linda Shelley and I have been a Cotswold Voluntary Warden for three years. Initially I joined the Wardens as a Guided Walk Leader but, as of January 2021, I also took on the addition role of **Parish Warden for Minster Lovell**. It is in this capacity that I would welcome the opportunity to talk at a Minster Lovell Parish Council meeting and explain a little of what I do and how this might benefit the local community.

About the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens organisation

The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens are the volunteer arm of the Cotswolds National Landscape (formerly the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and we have the broad remit to promote and conserve the Cotswolds as a great place to live and visit.

The Warden's activities are divided into four major areas:

- **Work Parties** are the voluntary 'muscle' of the Cotswolds National Landscape and work mainly on access and conservation projects. Activities can include clearing and maintaining paths, planting trees, putting up bat boxes, installing/repairing kissing gates, bridges and stone walls.
- **Parish Wardens** will walk a parish to check the status of the Public Rights of Way (PROW) and associated signage. They will repair/replace where they can but for larger projects will escalate/liaise with a combination of local people. This includes Local Authorities, farmers, landowners and the Warden's work party co-ordinator.
- **Education and Schools Programme** which introduces children to the importance of the Cotswolds and their environment.
- **Guided Walks** which are designed to be informative introductions to many aspects of the Cotswolds including heritage, folklore and wildlife.

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