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# Community Ranger

Joined The Parks Trust: 2010

## What do you do?

My job involves patrolling the parks, woodlands and open spaces. I have to check our sheep and cattle, remove graffiti and remove litter and fly-tipping. It's also my job to engage with park users regarding water safety and BBQs and also answer any questions about the local area. I also get to drive a really awesome truck and be outside with all things nature.

## What did you do when you left school?

I left school after my GCSE's and worked in a warehouse, soldering circuit boards. I then went travelling in Egypt and Israel where I stayed for a while, living on a Kibbutz (Commune) and was given a job as a gardener.

## Why did you want to work for The Parks Trust?

I applied to work in the Direct Works team first of all as this was a practical hands on job. Although I didn't get that role, they thought I would do well as a Community Ranger. So, I hung up my garden tools and went for this role instead.

## Describe your career journey so far.

When I was working as a gardener on the Kibbutz in Israel, I started to really appreciate plants. So, after I had my daughter I went to Moulton college to study for a National Certificate in Arboriculture. I then worked for AgeUK gardening services for some years before joining The Parks Trust.

## What skills or qualities do you need to be successful in your role?

I need to be friendly and be able to listen. Even when someone wants to make a complaint.

There is lots of walking involved in my job so a good level of fitness is needed too.



## My words of wisdom...

It's ok if you don't quite know the career path you want to take after school. Just try things that you like or have an interest in.