



BHWT Volunteer Role Description

Role Title:	Driver with transport
Role Description	<p>The British Hen Welfare Trust is looking for volunteers to support our re-homing days.</p> <p>This is a vital role as it involves the transportation of the hens from the farm to the re-homing point.</p>
Where:	As a volunteer driver you will be based in one area of the country, travelling to farms and the re-homing point, up to one and half hours.
When:	<p>You will be attending re-homing days which take place on average 8 - 10 times per year from one re-homing point, although frequency can vary dependent upon the region and demand for hens.</p> <p>This position will require early starts.</p>
Main Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate with your team co-ordinator and BHWT staff to ensure you understand the logistics for each farm collection. • Preparing and loading crates ready for the farm collection. • Vehicle/trailer maintenance and pre-travel check list. • Travel to farms with other volunteers for hen depopulation. • Lifting and loading heavy crates. • Ensuring the safe stacking and securing of crates. • Transportation of hens to re-homing day site. • Ensuring correct storage of crates and trailer (if applicable)
Experience required:	<p>We require our drivers to be physically fit and a confident driver because we need you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift and load empty poultry crates onto a trailer/van. • Lift, carry and load full poultry crates at the farms/rehoming sites. • Drive in bad weather conditions and in the dark. • Drive onto farms where the tracks might be rough and muddy.



<p>About you:</p>	<p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suitable vehicle such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medium to large van (with good ventilation) ○ Horse trailer/livestock trailer ○ 4WD car with fitted tow bar • The necessary licence? (Please see other requirements) • Current car insurance? • A clean driving licence. • Are you physically fit? • Are you conversant with and supportive of the aims of the BHWT? • Are you happy to work in a team?
<p>About us:</p>	<p>We will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new BHWT volunteers will be provided with relevant information, equipment, training and induction appropriate to their role. • BHWT will ensure the health, safety and welfare of all our volunteers. • Out of pocket expenses. You will be entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses whilst volunteering. • Reference. We can provide you with a reference for any volunteering you may do. This is available for up to one year from your last day of volunteering with us. • Rewards and Recognition. We will celebrate success and recognise loyalty, long-term commitment and dedication.
<p>Other requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you passed your test after 1st January 1997, you will not have category B+E on your licence, which enables you to tow any trailer up to 3500kg. Without your B+E category you will be restricted in the types of trailers you can tow although there are still towing options available to you. Please see full details below. • A knowledge of hens and hen handling is an advantage but not essential. • A willingness to listen and learn. • Flexibility and reliability are vital to allow our teams to operate to their full potential.
<p>How to apply</p>	<p>Please complete the online application form or contact hens@bhwt.co.uk for more information.</p> <p>Once we have received your completed form our Volunteer Co-ordinator will be in touch to start the induction process and to request completion a driver's declaration form.</p>



Are You Licensed to Tow?

Towing restrictions for licence holders passed since January 1st 1997. The information given in this leaflet is for guidance only and should be read in conjunction with relevant DVLA advice. Visit: www.dvla.gov.uk for further information.

WHO DOES THE LAW EFFECT?

Drivers who have passed their test since 1st January 1997 will only have category B and not have category B+E on their licence. Without this category you will be restricted in the type of trailer you can tow. Category B+E allows you to tow trailers up to 3500kg provided that you don't exceed the towing vehicles towing limit (train weight)*.

Drivers with only category B on their licence can provisionally tow trailers up to 3500kg if accompanied by a driver who already holds category B+E.

WHAT IS MAXIMUM AUTHORISED MASS (MAM)?

This is also known as Maximum Gross Weight (MGW) or Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). With trailers, the MAM represents the maximum combined unladen weight of the trailer and the permitted load it can carry. For example, if your trailer's MAM is 3500kg and the trailer weighs 1000kg, then the maximum load permitted to be carried by the trailer is 2500kg. The maximum gross weight of the trailer should be displayed on the type plate. The MAM of a vehicle refers to the combined vehicle kerb weight (unladen weight) and load capacity. *Always refer to your vehicle handbook for its MAM and towing capacities before using it to tow a trailer.

Two rules to follow for drivers without category B+E on their licence

- The MAM of the trailer must not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle, and the combined MAM of the trailer and vehicle must not exceed 3500kg if the MAM of the trailer is more than 750kg.
- If the MAM of the trailer is 750kg or less, the combined MAM of the trailer and towing vehicle must not exceed 4250kg and the MAM of the towing vehicle should not exceed 3500kg.

EXAMPLES:

A vehicle with an unladen weight of 1250kg and a MAM of 2000kg, towing a trailer with a MAM of 1000kg could be driven by a category B licence holder. This is because the combined MAM of the vehicle and trailer does not exceed 3500kg and the MAM of the trailer does not exceed the unladen weight of the vehicle.



HOWEVER;

The same vehicle towing a trailer with a MAM of 1400kg could not be driven by a category B licence holder because although the combined MAM does not exceed 3500kg, the MAM of the trailer exceeds the unladen weight of the vehicle.

FAQ's

Q I do not hold category B+E on my licence, what trailers am I permitted to tow?

A This depends entirely on your towing vehicle, read the examples below for further guidance.

Q I drive a Land Rover Discovery, with a MAM of 2720kg. What trailer can I tow?**

A You may only tow a trailer with a MAM of 780kg. This restricts you to trailers in our current unbraked range such as the P5, P6e, P7e or BV64e.

Q The model of Land Rover Freelander I drive has a MAM of 2080kg. What trailers can I tow?**

A You may tow trailers with a MAM of 1420kg. This includes any of our unbraked trailers, eight of our Eurolight range trailers, three from our general duty range, any of our single axle box vans, all of our P6 and P8 Livestock models and our single axle car transporters.

Q Where can I sit my B+E test, how long will it take and how much will it be?

A There are test centres situated across the UK, for further details on test centres, visit: www.direct.gov.uk. Different training centres will offer various courses from hourly lessons to intensive 3 day training courses inclusive of test fees. Course costs will vary from centre to centre. Towing test fees start from £115 plus training and tuition costs.