

Recruitment advert

Research project - Walking through the seasons



Do you enjoy a weekly walk? We are looking for people to take part in some research being carried out in rural areas in the North West and in East Anglia.

Campylobacter is a microorganism that causes diarrhoea. Whilst it is known to be found in some foods such as uncooked chicken, we are doing research looking at other places that *Campylobacter* may be found. This particular section of the research aims to use volunteer walkers to collect data on the presence of *Campylobacter* in rural areas popular with visitors.

We are asking small groups of volunteers from each region to walk a designated 3-4km route in East Anglia or in the North West up to 40 times, spread over a 16 month period (April 2013 to July 2014). We expect this to take about one hour on each occasion, normally on a Monday around midday. Volunteers will be asked to walk wearing a "bootsock" over the outside of one shoe or boot, which, when removed at the end of the walk, will be parceled up and posted off to a laboratory for testing. Volunteers will be compensated for taking part.

If you live in Norfolk near Reepham or Horsey Mill [Martham] and might be prepared to take part, please contact us to discuss the research further.

For East Anglia

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Please note that we are only permitted to accept walkers to take part who are over the age of 18 and who will not be taking pets on the walks.