

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

The meres & mosses of Shropshire and Cheshire Landscape Partnership Scheme Community Officer



Background information

About Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Shropshire Wildlife Trust is a charity dedicated to the conservation of Shropshire's native species and habitats. The Trust plays an important role in providing information and education for all ages on how to observe, enjoy and protect wildlife.

The Trust owns/manages 40 nature reserves throughout Shropshire. Its headquarters is also a visitor centre in Shrewsbury.

There is a full and part-time staff of 30 people and the Trust relies on around 200 active volunteers who are involved in every aspect of running the organisation. There is a growing membership (currently around 10000) that supports the Trust's work through their membership fees and donations.

About the HQ and visitor centre

Opposite Shrewsbury Abbey the Trust has its administrative headquarters and visitor centre. Around 20 staff are based here (though many spend time out on site). Staff cover a wide range of activities, such as conservation, education, fundraising, finance, administration, membership and special projects.

The free entry visitor centre has wildlife gardens, tourist information, a shop, displays on wildlife and wild places plus meeting and event rooms. Around 20,000 people per year pass through the centre as casual visitors or for specific events, activities and meetings. The centre shop specialises in wildlife goods and locally produced products. The HQ is located within Shrewsbury town centre, adjacent to a large pay & display car park, on bus, cycle and walking routes.

About the job

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The meres and mosses are themselves a suite of internationally important wetlands, but they define a landscape created during the last Ice Age. The entire meres and mosses landscape is extremely large and the project area chosen is a microcosm of the wider landscape. The area covers the market towns of Ellesmere, Whitchurch and Malpas and the countryside between.

Landscape Partnership Scheme

The Landscape Partnership Scheme is a funded programme run by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). It seeks to deliver a set of heritage and community benefits within an identified landscape. The scheme works in two phases:

- Phase I – the development of a full application lasting approximately 1 year
- Phase II – the delivery of the project lasting up to 5 years

This post is for phase I and will support the development and production of a Conservation Action Plan that will provide a detailed structure for the delivery phase of the project. The Community Officer's work will focus on consulting with a range of community groups and encouraging participation in advance of the main project.

Working hours, holidays etc

The post is based in our HQ in Shrewsbury. It is a five day (35 hours) per week post. There will need to be some flexibility in hours worked to include some evening and weekend working. The Trust operates a time off in lieu scheme for out of hours working. You will be entitled to 20 days paid annual leave per year (for a full time employee), plus the allocation of public holidays. The Trust operates a contributory pension scheme, which you will be entitled to join after a probationary period of six months.

To apply for this post complete the application form and return with a covering letter (email acceptable) to:

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Please note: due to limited resources, we do not respond to all applicants. If you have not heard from us by 22 July, you have been unsuccessful in reaching the shortlist.

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