

Marches Mosses BogLIFE Project (LIFE15 NAT/UK/000786)

Accountable to: NNR Reserve Manager
Responsible for: Volunteers and contractors

This post will be a placement of Shropshire Wildlife Trust and seconded to the Natural England Marches Mosses BogLIFE project.

Objective of the job

To support project staff in the delivery of the Marches Mosses BogLIFE project while developing a range of practical skills through working alongside experienced staff.

Key results expected

- Individual elements of the project are delivered to quality, time and on budget
- You gain experience in all aspects of the project
- You take responsibility for the delivery of an element of the project (to be determined with your line manager)
- You form a valuable asset to the project team.

Key tasks

- Delivering practical habitat restoration alongside staff and contractors
- Undertaking ecological and social surveys and data collection
- Working with and supervising volunteers
- Supporting public and specialist audience engagement events and activities
- Supporting communication of the project through an online presence.

Core skills

This post is suited to someone embarking on a career in nature conservation.

You should show commitment to environmental work via some of the following:

- Working towards or having recently gained an appropriate qualification
- Having experience in nature conservation through previous work or volunteering
- An interest in natural history
- Demonstrating a passion for the environmental sector despite its low pay, limited career prospects and working outside in all weathers
- Showing a willingness to learn by embracing all aspects of the project.

You must be physically fit and capable of undertaking arduous outdoor work.

You must have good written and verbal communication skills.

A knowledge of social media is desirable.

You should have good IT skills, ideally with knowledge of MS Office and map reading skills.

A full driving licence is essential.

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Terms of placement

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| Salary: | A fixed bursary of £6000 is payable monthly in arrears. |
| Hours: | This is a full time, 36 hours a week post. The nature of the post's duties may require evening and weekend work. Time off in lieu for additional hours worked will be given, if requested. |
| Pre employment checks: | A DBS check is not required for this role. |
| Probationary period: | This placement is subject to the satisfactory completion of a probationary service of one month. |
| Contract | This is a fixed term, nine-month placement. |
| Holidays: | A full-time member of staff has 25 working days per annum in addition to normal public holidays |
| Pension: | Not applicable to this post |
| Notice Period: | During your probationary period, the period of notice for termination of your placement will be one week on either side. After successful completion of your probationary period the minimum period of notice is one month either side. |
| Place of Work: | Main place of work will be the Manor House NNR Base at Whixall. NB there is no public transport to Manor House. You will also occasionally visit the Wildlife Trust's headquarters in Shrewsbury for staff meetings and other development / training days. |
| Home working | It is not envisaged that there will be a need for home-working in this post although this may change dependant on covid restrictions. |
| Travel at work: | Pool vehicles are available. If you use your own vehicle at work you are required to have insurance to cover business use. A mileage allowance of 45p per mile will be payable for such journeys. If you use a pedal cycle you may claim a mileage allowance of 20p per mile. |
| Training: | The Trust is fully committed to personal development and training throughout the programme. |
| Closing date: | 5pm on 1st November 2021 |
| Interview date: | 15th November 2021 |

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