

SHADOW RANGER VOLUNTEER WORK PLACEMENT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Local labour market information has highlighted a shortage of conservation recruits with a practical background of relevant work experience.

We are looking for **individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in countryside management**. Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current countryside management staff.

They will develop on the job skills and experience, including: practical site management (incl. habitat creation and restoration); working with communities (capacity building, project development and implementation); planning and undertaking countryside events, guided walks, cycle rides; and environmental education. Participants may also have access to some formal training courses.

Unfortunately at the present time, we cannot offer travel expenses.

SHADOW RANGER PLACEMENTS

The placement will be bespoke and flexible to suit individual needs, but is likely to be **1 - 3 days a week for six to twelve months**.

The host organisation (Sherwood Forest Community Rangers Project) will provide **supported work experience**, with each trainee allocated a mentor. We have opportunities for 3-5 placements at the present time. Placements are available with a number of different organisations based at a variety of Nottinghamshire locations.

HOW TO APPLY

We interview for new placements 1-2 times per year, depending on availability, but are happy to receive applications at any time.

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement, please send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining why you are interested in the placement and how you meet the person specification, to SFCR Co-ordinator, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood & Lincs Forest District Office, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL

If you would like further information about the Shadow Ranger placements, please ring us on 01623 822 447.

Shadow Ranger

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Knowledge/Skills/	
<p>Interest in and knowledge of countryside and environmental issues</p>	<p>Organisational skills – able to set and meet targets.</p> <p>A knowledge of the history / natural history of the local area.</p> <p>Working knowledge of Health and Safety law and practice.</p>
Personal Qualities	
<p>Must be seeking a career in environment / countryside management / community</p> <p>willingness to work as part of a team, one to one and on your own.</p> <p>Enthusiastic</p> <p>A desire to undertake appropriate training to develop personal skills and confidence.</p>	<p>Good interpersonal skills</p> <p>Mature and diplomatic personality.</p> <p>Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.</p> <p>Ability to communicate with people from a variety of age groups and backgrounds</p>
Special Requirements	
<p>Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.</p> <p>A willingness to learn and develop new skills.</p> <p>Physically fit and able to negotiate rough terrain.</p> <p>must be over 18</p> <p>as part of child protection policy, must be willing to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check</p>	<p>Good Sense of Humour.</p> <p>Current Full Driving Licence.</p> <p>Able and willing to working evenings and weekends.</p>