

**Vacancy Details*****Shadow Ranger Voluntary Apprenticeship-  
Community/Recreation-National Forest***

<b>Country</b>	England
<b>Location</b>	Derbyshire/Leicestershire
<b>Position Type</b>	1-3 days per week for 6 months
<b>Salary</b>	Voluntary
<b>Closing date for applications</b>	17 October 2014

**Background Information**

The Forestry Commission provide placements for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in conservation, community engagement, recreation, site management, working with volunteers and the public and wanting to gain experience in the sector. Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current countryside staff.

They will shadow and develop on the job skills and experience including practical site management (habitat creation and restoration), working with communities (project development and implementation), engaging and working with the public, schools and colleges. The National Forest conservation placement enables individuals to gain experience of managing our recently restored woodlands and our surrounding mature woodlands.

Unfortunately at the present time we **cannot** offer travel expenses however we do provide extensive experience and some formal training opportunities.

**Purpose of the Apprenticeship**

Experience, encourage and support active community and volunteer involvement on countryside sites within the National Forest area; through community practical projects, engagement and management of community interest groups and public expectation. Learn how to involve local people in the decision making and management of their local environment.

Working as part of the Community Ranger team assist, support and help empower local communities to become actively involved in the care and management of urban fringe woodlands & countryside sites in Derbyshire/Leicestershire. Assist and provide support to a diverse range of people, experiencing the range of tasks, activities and procedures that rangers undertake within their role.

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## Person Specification

### Experience

#### *Essential*

Experience of practical conservation, environmental education, working with young people or environmental management; through previous employment, voluntary work or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside ranger, environmental education or community engagement.

### Work with Other People

#### *Essential*

Be approachable, open, polite and helpful to others.

Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches.

#### *Desirable*

Willingness and enthusiastic to lead groups and activities.

### Communication

#### *Essential*

Ability to listen and communicate with people from a variety of age groups, abilities, behaviours and backgrounds.

Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.

Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.

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## **Deliver Results**

### *Essential*

Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.

Prioritise and organise your time and resources effectively to meet agreed deadlines and objectives.

### *Desirable*

Understand and apply current legislation, rules and procedures relevant to the job (e.g. Health & Safety, Risk assessment).

## **Learn and Apply**

### *Essential*

Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence.

Take responsibility for own work, learning from experience, mistakes and constructive feedback

## **Other**

Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, predominantly weekdays although may occasionally include evenings and weekend working.

This post may require you to hold and continue to hold, a full current driving licence. Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain. However, the Forestry Commission is willing to consider any proposal put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by other means.

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## How to apply

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement please **download the application form from the website**, explaining how your interests and experiences meet all of the areas outlined in the Person Specification. Please use **examples** where appropriate, without detail we cannot see how you meet the job specification.

Specify you are applying for ***Community/Conservation-National Forest***.

Address applications to Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood Forest District Office, Kings Clipstone, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL or email them to [louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk).

Closing date: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014**