

Vacancy Details***Shadow Ranger Voluntary Apprenticeship***

Country	England
Location	Doncaster/Barnsley
Position Type	1-3 days per week for 6 months
Salary	Voluntary
Closing date for applications	12 March 2012

Background Information

Sherwood and Northants Forest District is part of Forest Enterprise, an Agency of the Forestry Commission, and we manage 21,627 ha of the Public Forest Estate on behalf of the Government.

We are looking for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in environmental management, community engagement or recreation and wanting to gain experience in the sector. Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current countryside management 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), planning and undertaking countryside events, and environmental education.

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 involvement on countryside sites within the Doncaster & Barnsley area; through community engagement, consultation, practical projects and events. 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 South Yorkshire.

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 countryside management, environmental education or working with communities; through voluntary work or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside ranger, environmental management or community involvement.

Desirable

Experience of managing the health and safety of members of the public.

Work with Other People

Essential

Be approachable, open, polite and helpful to others.

Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches.

Desirable

Willingness to lead groups and activities.

Communication

Essential

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

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

Desirable

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 send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining how your interests and experiences meet all of the areas outlined in the Person Specification. Please use **examples** where appropriate.

Specify which placement you are applying for; Shadow Ranger-South Yorkshire.

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.

Closing date: **Monday 12th March 2012**