

SHADOW RANGER VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT

**Community/Countryside Ranger
(Nottinghamshire)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 (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 an extensive range of informal and formal training.

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 a **six month period**.

Sherwood Forest Community Rangers are part of the Forestry Commission who co-ordinate the shadow ranger placement scheme through a partnership between;

- Forestry Commission
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- Greenwood Community Forest.

The Shadow Ranger Placement provides each trainee with a mentor and we have opportunities for 2-3 placements within the above organisations.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement please send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining how your interest and experiences meet the Shadow Ranger Person Specification, please use **examples** where appropriate. Specify **which placement** you are applying for: Community/Countryside Ranger Nottinghamshire.

Address applications to Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood Forest District Office, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL or email them to louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

Closing date 8th October 2010

Shadow Ranger Person Specification
Nottinghamshire Placements
October 2010

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Experience	Must have a proven interest and knowledge of countryside and environmental issues, through voluntary work in the field or study.	A knowledge of the history / natural history of the local area. Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside management / community / environmental initiatives.
Communicate	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.	Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.
Work with other people	Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches. Flexible, reliable and approachable.	Willingness to lead groups and activities.
Deliver Results	Motivated and capable of working under own initiative. Prioritise and organise own time and resources effectively.	Working knowledge of Health and Safety law and practice and an understanding of data protection legislation.
Learn and Apply	Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence. Be open and responsive to constructive feedback on performance.	
Other	Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, predominantly weekdays although may occasionally include evenings and weekend working. Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain.	This role may require you to hold, and to continue to hold, a full current driving licence.