

## **SHADOW RANGER VOLUNTARY 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; 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 (Forestry Commission) co-ordinates the partnership between Forestry Commission, (Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & South Yorkshire), Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and Greenwood Community Forest. The Shadow Ranger Placement provides each trainee with a mentor and we have opportunities for 3-5 placements within the above organisations.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

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 Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood & Lincs Forest District Office, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL

**Next round of recruitment September 2009**

(We are happy to hold applications on file if you wish to submit them earlier)

If you would like further information about the Shadow Ranger placements, please email Louise Fleetwood on [louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)



**Shadow Ranger**  
**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>Knowledge/Skills/</b>	
<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>
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	
<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>
<b>Special Requirements</b>	
<p>Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.</p> <p>A willingness to learn and develop new skills.</p> <p>must be over 18</p> <p>An appreciation of equal opportunities, data protection policies.</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> <p>Physically fit and able to negotiate rough terrain.</p>