



Forestry Operations Manager

Salary: £40,000 p/a

Location: Dorsington, Warwickshire, with regular travel in and around the Forest.

The Heart of England Forest is the premier woodland creation charity in England. We have already created the largest new native broadleaf woodland in England and continue on our mission to grow a 30,000-acre contiguous forest. Not only is our forest expanding – so is our team! We have an excellent opportunity for you to join our expert forestry team based in South Warwickshire / Worcestershire.

The Role

This is an exciting position to help lead our forestry team. Our current rate of creating 300 acres of Forest every year, means that there are always new land acquisition opportunities ripe for innovative woodland creation plans designed in partnership with local communities. This is a new post created to provide direct operational support for a growing forestry team. Reporting to the Head Forester, this multi-disciplined managerial role will be perfect for someone with significant practical experience of woodland establishment, looking to further their career in social forestry, giving the successful candidate an opportunity to grow and shape England's largest new native broadleaf woodland.

You will lead on the preparation, implementation and evaluation of operational plans to ensure the Heart of England Forest achieves the aims and objectives set out in its strategic plan. As well as being strategic, this is also a hands on role and will include practical forestry planning, planting and maintenance working with and supporting the staff team, volunteers, corporate supporters and contractors to achieve our vision.

The role is diverse, and as well as demonstrating a sound knowledge of forestry best practice and current issues, you will need to be confident in the management of a variety of habitats and widening public access, to benefit people and wildlife.

We are looking for an ambitious and enthusiastic individual who will be a key player in the delivery of our strategy and a real advocate for social forestry. You will be a strong people manager and will enjoy training, coaching and mentoring team members and watching them progress. Above all, you will be a passionate ambassador for the charity. Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable

Closing date: Sunday 27th February 2022

Interview date: Monday 14th March 2022

To apply please visit <https://heartofenglandforest.org/jobs-and-careers> to download a job description and application form. Please note that CVs will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application form.

What we offer

- The chance to join an ambitious inclusive charity and play a part in creating and conserving a huge Forest for the benefit of people, wildlife and the environment
- Competitive salary with a Living Wage Foundation accredited employer
- 28 days holiday plus bank holidays
- Contributory company pension
- Group Income Protection Scheme
- Group Life Assurance Scheme
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Death in Service benefit
- Medical cash plan



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