

## Head of Planning and Operations - Woodland Creation

### SUMMARY

We have never needed trees and forests more. They can help tackle the climate emergency and provide a much-needed sanctuary for people and wildlife. The UK Government are committed to creating 30,000 hectares of woodland a year across the UK by the end of this Parliament. This acceleration in woodland creation rates in England will help meet the net-zero by 2050 ambition and is supported by the £640m Nature for Climate Fund.

The Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Forestry Commission have set up a joint tree planting programme for England to support the forestry sector, landowners and communities in the delivery of these ambitions.

Forestry England is part of the Forestry Commission and for over 100 years, we have been growing, shaping and caring for over 1,500 of our nation's forests for the benefit and enjoyment of all. As part of the Nature for Climate Fund, we will expand the nation's forests by creating new woodland on leasehold sites through the Forestry England Woodland Partnership.

Head of Planning and Operations – Woodland Creation is an extremely varied and exciting opportunity to lead the operations and planning function within the national Woodland Creation Team. You will use your experience to develop, establish, and deliver an exciting programme of woodland creation, generating strong buy-in from partners and communities.

You will be able to make your mark by shaping the plans for our future woodlands and forests. If you are ready for the challenge of ensuring we deliver on these high-profile commitments, then we'd like to hear from you!

Candidates should hold a relevant Degree and/or Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body.

Salary: £42,462 - £46,029

Location: National

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Closing date: 11:55pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022