

Woodland Project Officer

Group: Homes & Communities
Location: Drovers House, Craven Arms and homeworking
Service Area / Team: Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership
Job Category: Environment/Countryside
Actual Salary: £30,984 - £32,798
Duration: To 31st March 2025
Hours per week: 37
Weeks per year: 52.14
Vacancy Reference: 5231
Closing date: 02/01/2023

Do you have the skills to lead ancient woodland restoration in the Shropshire Hills?

The **Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership** in partnership with the Woodland Trust have secured funding from the Forestry Commission for a 2½ year project to restore ancient woodlands in the Shropshire Hills, and we are now recruiting the officer to deliver the project. Working as part of the AONB team, you will be the person to engage with woodland owners, providing advice and support and securing their commitment, and you will develop and manage some of the individual woodland restoration schemes. You will target activities of the project using and developing our mapping of high value/potential sites and track progress with necessary data, along with reporting to partners and funders.

Much of the work will be focussed on Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites so you will need to have knowledge and experience across both practical woodland/forest management operations and in conserving the environmental value of ancient woodlands. You will have experience in woodland condition assessments and management planning to support delivery of woodland restoration, as well as in providing technical advice, working to relevant standards and regulations, and in contractor management. You will have the ability to negotiate and build relationships with farmers and woodland managers.

Candidates should be chartered or working towards Chartered status, or Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

Please see www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk for more information about the Shropshire Hills AONB and the AONB Partnership, which is hosted by Shropshire Council. If you have any queries about the role after reading the job details, please contact Mike Kelly on 01743 254743.

To request an application pack please contact our Recruitment Team on 0345 678 9012, or Email: srt.requestjobpack@shropshire.gov.uk quoting our reference number. Details of posts are also available on our website: www.shropshire.gov.uk and we welcome applications submitted online.

CVs are not acceptable