

Specialist Advisor – Tree Health

Closing date: 2 January 2023

Salary: £37,308 to £40,806 (Grade 6)

Location: Flexible

Contract type: Fixed Term appointment until 31/03/2024

Work pattern: Full Time

Post number: 203430

Job description

Climate change and the global movement of trade has resulted in an increase in occurrence of pests and diseases across the UK, and both NRW and the wider forest sector must adapt the land we management to increase the resilience to such pests.

We have an exciting opportunity to join NRW's Land Stewardship team as Specialist Advisor for Tree Health. As the largest land managers in Wales, we are looking for a passionate person who can support the development of our strategy to adapt our land and respond to outbreaks of new pests and diseases.

Your role will be to provide advice and guidance for all tree health matters, including the preparation to respond to new outbreaks and supporting forest adaptation to reduce the impacts of pests and disease in light of a changing climate. With excellent communications and networking skills, you will work with our partners and colleagues to produce pest specific operational plans, review the methods of operational response and if required establish framework contracts.

You will assist the production of internal tree health strategies as well as supporting Welsh Government through technical advice.

The NRW Managed Estate covers the Welsh Government Woodland Estate and National Nature Reserves. The NRW managed estate generates environmental, economic, social and cultural well-being benefits for the people of Wales and beyond, now and for future generations. The Land Stewardship team provide support for the delivery those multiple benefits through the provision of central services, our guidance and advice.

Qualifications

Knowledge and experience of the following:

1. Professional membership or working towards professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters, Royal Society of Biology or another relevant professional body within an agreed timescale.
2. Good understanding of current and future threats to Welsh Woodlands.
3. Knowledge and experience of the forestry sector.
4. Good understanding of commercial business processes and pressures.
5. Ability to communicate effectively with regulated business and the public, explaining issues and gaining support by influencing.
6. Proven ability to analysis issues and work with other to develop effective solutions
7. Advise on evidence gaps and project manage agreed evidence projects, in line with the agreed evidence programme

This role will offer a range of benefits, including:

- Agile and flexible working
- Civil Service Pension Scheme offering employer contributions of 26.6% to 30.3%
- 28 days annual leave, rising to 33 days
- Generous leave entitlements for all your life needs
- Health and wellbeing benefits and support
- Weekly well-being hour to use at your choice

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