

IRC131891 - Woodland Creation Officer

Salary: £37,000 per annum

Contract type: Fixed Term f/t (37.5 hrs pw to 01/02/26)

Closing date: 29 January 2023

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Summary

This is a brand new unique role where you can really make a true meaningful difference for woodland creation / climate action.

We need to act quickly to tackle the worst consequences of the climate crisis and global warming driven by carbon dioxide emissions. As one of the UK's single biggest private landowners we're in a strong position to help. Planting and establishing more trees will capture carbon from the atmosphere as they grow.

Our approach to tree establishment ensures we maximise the benefit for people and nature, as well as locking up carbon. We'll establish new hedgerows and woodlands as well as creating innovative agroforestry projects and restoring historic wood pasture and orchards – and increasing tree cover in other settings.

Caring for a significant portion of the Lake District World Heritage Site we recognise the need for action and the complexities of delivering credible woodland work within this sensitive, complex and much-loved landscape. That's why we have created this new role as part of our Treescapes project to work closely with our operational team and key partners.

It is going to take a unique person with technical woodland knowledge, great engagement skills and a good understanding of the bigger picture to help us have real impact here. If you are that person please do apply.

If you have any questions about this role please contact: Alistair.Wright@nationaltrust.org.uk

Interviews will be held on 7th February.

What it's like to work here

The purpose of this role is to provide support and expertise to the Countryside teams in delivering this ambition and be the front-line role to promote, advise on and facilitate woodland creation initiatives. The role is essential in upskilling teams and providing counsel and guidance to our external partners. This role will operate as the expert within the region where requirements for woodland creation exceeds the skills and experience of portfolio ranger teams. The role will promote, advise on and help to facilitate a diverse range of woodland creation proposals.

What you'll be doing

Success in this role will be:



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Year 1

- Working with our regional Trees & Woodlands Adviser, national specialists and our local countryside teams to develop the strategy and vision for trees and woodland creation in the Lakes, particularly tree planting and woodland creation as part of emerging nature priority work.
- Identifying funding opportunities, potential partnerships and initiating applications for tree planting and woodland creation projects

Year 2 and 3

Continue to work with properties to develop and initiate plans for tree planting and woodland creation, delivering the agreed NT nature priority work

- Tree planting operations on some woodland creation projects should start to happen at scale. The Woodland Creation officer will take a leading role in delivering this work
- Implement suitable identified funding opportunities / bids

Year 3 onward

- Our ambition is that this work will continue on an externally 'self-funded' basis beyond the initial project period however we will need to review this in Year 2.

Click apply to see the additional background information and full role profile for more information.

Who we're looking for

You'll need the skills and experience to:

- Advise on funding options: grants, carbon funding, nitrate offsetting and sponsorship.
- Bring forward strong woodland creation funding bids at scale for NT in the Lakes.
- Commission woodland creation work.
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders including associated NT projects & workstreams, non-government and government organisations.
- Communicate and share lessons learned / good practice on woodland creation proposals.
- Be source of expertise and knowledge for operational and project teams understanding and advising on the regulatory aspects of individual woodland creation applications.
- Play a key leadership role developing an NT Lakes-wide Woodland creation ambition that articulates 'what does good look like' in the cultural World Heritage Site.

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.

The package

The National Trust has the motto 'For everyone, for ever' at its heart. We're working hard to create an inclusive culture, where everyone feels they belong. It's important that our people reflect and represent the diversity of the communities and audiences we serve. We welcome and value difference, so when we say we're for everyone, we want everyone to be welcome in our teams too.

- Substantial pension scheme of up to 10% basic salary



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