

## Tree and Woodland Officer

### About us

The North York Moors National Park Authority helps look after one of the most highly regarded landscapes of the British Isles. The North York Moors is a unique area with a rich diversity of landscape and ecosystems including over 31,000 hectares of woodland. A significant proportion of this is commercial plantation forestry but about 20% is recorded as either ancient woodland or plantation on ancient woodland site. In addition, it contains one of the highest concentrations of veteran trees in Northern England.

The Authority employs about 170 staff across a wide range of activities and our dedicated woodland team of 6 sit within the Conservation & Climate Change department. We are looking for a Tree and Woodland Officer to join our committed team and help us to increase the value of trees and woodland in the National Park.

### The Benefits

- Salary of £28,371 to £31,099 per annum with potential progression to £34,723
- Permanent position
- Local government pension scheme
- 24 days' annual leave rising annually by one day, to 29 days after 5 years' service, plus eight public holidays
- Flexible working, including job share considered
- Training and development opportunities
- Based in Helmsley office with some home working and substantial travel around the park (pool cars available for use)

This is an excellent opportunity for an individual with experience of both statutory tree protection work and woodland management to help deliver our long standing commitment to conserve and enhance the treescapes of the North York Moors. You would be supported by our experienced woodland team, and by other specialists from across the Authority.

## **The Role**

As the Tree and Woodland Officer, you will be responsible for delivering the Authority's statutory tree functions and advising our planning department on tree and woodland matters.

You will also be developing woodland management projects with landowners, primarily in the northern part of the National Park, to improve and enhance the visual appearance and conservation value of existing woodlands.

### **Additionally, your role will involve:**

- Advising the public, staff and partners on tree and woodland matters
- Establishing good working relationships with landowners, agents and partner organisations as well as forestry and arboricultural advisors
- Liaising with relevant statutory bodies, contractors and other parties to ensure projects are implemented successfully, on budget and on time

### **About You**

To be considered as the Tree and Woodland Officer, you will need:

- Good arboricultural knowledge and an understanding of relevant legislation
- Knowledge and experience of managing existing woodlands
- Experience of working with landowners, land agents, foresters, and contractors
- A practical understanding of land management, inc. farming, forestry and sporting
- Educated to degree level or equivalent in an appropriate subject such as arboriculture, forestry, ecology or rural land management or at least 5 years' relevant experience in an appropriate field.

We appreciate that this role covers the two separate, albeit overlapping disciplines of arboriculture and forestry. Therefore, we encourage applications from highly motivated candidates whose skills and experience are allied with one or the other of these but who are prepared to develop their skillset to cover both aspects of the role.

- Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.



If you are interested, we would like to hear from you. Further details, including how to apply, are available on the Job Opportunities page on our website.

<http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies>

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