

Job Description: Woodland Surveyor (More Coppice Into Productive Management)

Post Title: Woodland Surveyor

Salary: £25/hr for between 2 – 8 days per month - hours will vary depending upon Project stage, the surveyors location and availability.

Contract: Freelance/consultancy/self-employed basis until end of March 2025; the bulk of the work occurring January to October 2024.

Responsible to: Regional Project Manager

Key Relationships: Regional Project Manager, Technical Specialists on the National Steering Group, other project contractors.

Based at either one of:

- **Yorkshire and North East region** - including the regions of Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland
- **East Midlands and East of England region** - including the regions of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, and Leicester

Closing date for applications: Sunday 10th Dec 2023

Shortlisted applicants will be notified by: Wednesday 13th Dec 2023

Interviews: Held online (daytime) on Mon 18th and Tue 19th Dec 2023

The More Coppice Into Productive Management Project

The [More Coppice Into Productive Management Project](#) (MCIPM) commenced at the end of July 2022 and runs until the end of March 2025. The Project comprises 2 fixed-term projects funded by the Forestry Commission Woods Into Management Forestry Innovation Fund (WIMFIF) that cover three regions of the UK - one project covering the South West region and the newer project covering the East Midlands and East of England and Yorkshire and the North East regions. This surveyor position covers either the East Midlands and East of England or Yorkshire and the North East region, with the majority of the available funding allocated to the East of England & East Midlands region.

The Project's overarching aim is to help get more coppice woodlands into productive management for all the ecosystem service benefits such woodlands can provide (environmental, societal and the economic benefits). To do this, the outputs from the Project will be:

- Survey the extent, type and condition of coppice;

- Produce a viewable map with priority zones;
- Produce a coppice restoration 'information pack' for landowners/managers/workers;
- Setup a 'Regional Coppice Development Officer' role to coordinate future action.

More information is available here:

https://ncfed.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/More_Coppice_Into_Management_Info_Leaflet_v6.pdf

Main Duties and Responsibilities of the Role

To include:

1. Travelling to/from and surveying identified areas of coppice woodland to record data about coppice woodlands (including the extent, type and condition of coppice) using a survey methodology already defined for the project;
2. Regularly collating and submitting (weekly/fortnightly) all relevant data in the required format to a centralised online location, using a bespoke app software designed for the project which can be used on smartphone or tablet;
3. Provide brief regular (weekly/fortnightly) updates by phone to the Regional Project Manager to discuss survey progress and upcoming survey work;
4. Demonstrate commitment to achieving the Project's aims and deliverables.

A tablet with the relevant app/software will be provided to a successful applicant.

Person Specification

	Essential (Mandatory)	Desirable
Knowledge	A demonstrable applied knowledge of tree and/or woodland surveying and identification of all main tree species	Extensive demonstrable applied knowledge of tree and/or woodland surveying and identification of all main tree species
	An understanding of the main concepts of coppicing and able to identify a range of coppice woodland types and species	An understanding of the main concepts of coppicing and able to identify a range of coppice woodland types and species, and threats and opportunities gained through undertaking practical coppicing work
Experience	Familiarity with Geographical Information Systems (GIS)	Possesses extensive experience with Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and mobile mapping/surveying in the field
	At least 1 year professional experience of working in woodland surveying	At least 3 years professional experience of working in woodland surveying
	At least 1 years professional experience of working in an independent woodland/forestry work role	At least 3 years professional experience of working in an independent woodland/forestry work role
Skills and abilities	Applied experience of tree and/or woodland surveying	Applied experience of tree and/or woodland surveying and formal

		qualification in tree and/or woodland surveying
	Able to work flexibly according to changes in project demands/intensity	n/a
	Good communication and organisation skills	Excellent communication and organisation skills
	Good IT skills including using Word, Excel, online meeting software.	Good IT skills including using Word, Excel, online meeting software (MS Teams), and any relevant survey/mapping software
Other requirements	Has own mobile phone with good and reliable coverage.	Has own tablet/smartphone with good and reliable GPS and GIS capability for survey in the field
	Has access to reliable and good mobile phone and broadband signal and computer with appropriate antivirus and firewall protections	Has other own survey equipment (e.g. ranging pole, 20m surveyors tape, girth tape, weather writer)
	Predominantly based in target region	
	Full drivers licence and access to own vehicle (taxed, MOT, insured) for travelling to/from sites	n/a
	Holds or will be able to hold own Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance: exact cover requirements to be discussed	n/a
	Able to provide proof of identity and ability to legally live and work in the UK – e.g. Current passport or drivers licence	n/a
	Able to consent to allow a 'Basic' Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be undertaken with a 'Responsible Organisation'	n/a
	Able to provide copies of relevant academic and professional qualifications	n/a