



Tadnoll & Winfrith Heathland Heritage Traineeship

Role Title:

Practical Conservation Trainee

Based at:

Dorset Wildlife Trust – Brooklands Farm, Forston, Dorchester, DT2 7AA

Mentors:

James Hitchen – South Dorset Reserves Warden

Type of work the role will be involved with:

This placement is based at Brooklands Farm Dorset Wildlife Trust Headquarters and will predominantly be undertaking practical habitat management on the 10 reserves located in the South Dorset area. These reserves host a range of habitats including heathland, grassland and woodland all of which are either regionally, nationally or internationally designated for their wildlife importance. The trainee will be mentored by our experienced South Dorset Warden and Assistant Warden and will develop skills in the following areas:

- Scrub clearance, tree felling, coppicing and hedgelaying
- Fencing and reserve infrastructure work
- Stock management (cattle & ponies)
- Surveying and monitoring
- Working with and leading volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds
- Giving guidance and advice to the visiting public
- Community group engagement including guided walks and events
- Media and communications skills

The trainee will receive training in key skills such as time management, personal effectiveness, interview and application techniques.

Skills and qualifications you can expect to gain in this role:

- Emergency First Aid at work Level 2
- Health and Safety at work
- NPTC CS30 & 31 Chainsaw maintenance, cross-cutting & felling
- LANTRA Brushcutter
- LANTRA 4x4 driving
- Volunteer Management AQA accreditations
- AQA unit award scheme accreditations including
 - Volunteer Management
 - Conservation grazing
 - Lookering
 - Woodland Management
 - Leading a group
 - Hedgelaying
 - Coppicing
 - Community engagement and inclusion
- Species identification skills
- Ability to use hand tools
- Habitat management and natural history knowledge

Bursary:

£1000 per calendar month for twelve months duration

Future progression:

This role would provide the ideal background for progression into the sector, working as an assistant warden or ranger.

Priority applicants:

Match funding for this traineeship has been secured from Magnox Ltd as part of their Socio-economic funding, supporting communities affected by the presence and operations of Magnox owned sites. www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com

In order to meet the Magnox priorities of supporting local communities, priority will be given to applicants from Dorset and South West counties.

Closing Date: **4th July 2021** Interview Date: **19th July 2021**