

Countryside Manager – Conservators of Ashdown Forest

Based at the Ashdown Forest Centre

Hours: Equivalent to 37 hour week

Flexible working with weekday out of hours, weekend and Bank Holiday rota

Salary £36,900 - £39,800 per annum plus excellent pension scheme



Would you like to take on a vital new role managing a dedicated land management team on one of the most important wildlife sites in southern England?

Based in our Forest Centre at Wych Cross, the Countryside Manager will bring together a team of seven people and lead them in managing this spectacular 2,500ha estate

Ashdown Forest is going through a period of great change. This critically important wildlife site requires enhanced management to protect its habitats and species. This needs to be achieved alongside welcoming over 1.5 million visitors a year. The Conservators and new CEO have a desire to make Ashdown Forest a jewel in the crown of Sussex's nature recovery network. We will be working closely with neighbouring estates and wider landowners to deliver this. The Countryside Manager will proactively manage the site's management plan, deliver a large Countryside Stewardship agreement, ensure that visitors can access the site safely and motivate the Forest team. The Countryside Manager has a pivotal role in the Forest's success.

Are you a leader by example? Can you delegate and then support staff? Do you have a clear understanding of methods of planning work programmes, project management, budget controls and staff and volunteer management? Are you an excellent communicator? Do you bring a professional attitude with a high level of commitment and enthusiasm, a resourceful, resilient, reliable, flexible and adaptable nature and excellent knowledge of nature conservation in England? Are you ready to be part of something very exciting? If this is for you, please go to our website to read the full job profile.

Please apply using the Application Form provided on our website and link your skills and experience to the job role. Applications should be sent to kirstydirs@ashdownforest.org by the closing date: **Midday Friday 28 May 2021; Interviews: 7/8 June 2021**

Ashdown Forest is a large site which is a distance from major urban centres. Therefore the ability to drive and have access to a vehicle is essential.