

Job description - Historic Environment Advisor (PB5)

Job summary

The Historical Environment Advisor will be instrumental in assessing historic environment considerations, managing surveys, and ensuring that mitigation strategies align with relevant national policies and best practices. It is an exciting opportunity to work at the intersection of heritage, forestry, and nature recovery, contributing to landscape-scale change while safeguarding the historic environment.

We are searching for an experienced, passionate and pragmatic historic environment professional to support these projects, ensuring we respect and protect the historic environment while delivering large-scale environmental benefits. This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role in shaping the future of landscape-scale conservation and woodland expansion while ensuring the protection and integration of England's rich historic environment.

Working closely with the Lead Historic Environment Advisor, this role will support woodland creation and wilding initiatives, before, during and after the delivery of each proposal. The successful candidate will provide technical expertise on historic environment issues and spend the majority of time supporting our woodland creation programme, whilst also supporting land management and wilding schemes. Some travel across England will be required, with occasional overnight stays necessary.

This is a Temporary Appointment for three years with the possibility of extension or permanency, but no guarantee.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- Support woodland creation and nature recovery programs, ensuring that historic environment considerations are embedded in project planning and delivery.
 - Provide technical expertise on historic environment issues related to woodland creation, forestry, land management, and wilding schemes.
 - Assist in the scoping of land acquisitions, assessing historic environment factors when identifying areas for woodland creation or wild core zones.
 - Review existing datasets to determine the suitability of proposals and identify where additional data collection or surveys are required.
 - Procure and oversee archaeological surveys, ensuring quality assurance and specifications are appropriate for project needs.
 - Interpret survey results and develop mitigation strategies in line with national guidance, such as the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS).
 - Apply a risk-based approach to woodland creation and management, balancing the protection of historic assets with wider scheme objectives.
 - Assess the impacts of woodland creation and wilding programs on different historic environment assets, considering their vulnerability, significance, and the need for proportionate mitigation.
 - Liaise with local and national historic environment authorities to acquire data, seek expert input, and gain agreement on methodologies.
 - Ensure all historic environment information is properly assessed and incorporated into Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and final project approvals.
 - Develop and maintain strong working relationships with internal teams, external partners, and key stakeholders.
 - Update internal heritage datasets as new information is acquired. ▫
- And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-specific information
Skills, knowledge & experience
<p>Essential professional and technical experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong knowledge of legislation and national policy relating to the historic environment. • Working knowledge of key stakeholders involved in historic environment management. • Understanding of archaeological survey techniques and their application. • Proficiency in GIS and LiDAR assessment for historic environment analysis. • Knowledge of risk-based approaches to historic environment management within land-use planning and forestry. • Strong communication skills, with the ability to engage with technical specialists, land managers, and wider stakeholders.
Qualifications
<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or equivalent experience in archaeology or a related discipline with a strong historic environment component.