

## Job description - Wildlife ranger / New Forest keeper (PB6a/op)

Job summary
You will work as part of the district's wildlife management team, protecting forests and supporting conservation priorities, including mammal management. You will be a champion for our health and safety culture by demonstrating our value of 'look out and look after'.
Key responsibilities & accountabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>promote a positive and inclusive culture, and actively promote collaboration and support across the district and with stakeholders.</li><li>champion our health &amp; safety culture, using Forestry England's systems and protocols.</li><li>achieve a personal, variable cull of deer and other mammals to protect our forest crop and biodiversity led by District management plans and wider organisational objectives.</li><li>make sure the deer larder, deer carcasses and paperwork meet Forestry England standards, game dealer specification and the requirements of the British Quality Wild Venison scheme (BQWV).</li><li>contribute to district conservation projects and schemes.</li><li>build and maintain productive relationships with stakeholders.</li><li>liaise regularly with district colleagues and help with beat planning, monitoring and delivery including restocking plans, species choice, tree protection and infrastructure requirements.</li><li>do ecological and pre-operation site surveys, advising colleagues of protected species and features of ecological interest.</li><li>liaise with sporting tenants and sporting rights holders.</li><li>support district colleagues engaging with woodland users and promote positive behaviour for protecting forest habitats and infrastructure.</li><li>produce hazard and constraints maps and risk assessments for deer management.</li><li>maintain and be responsible for all equipment issued to you by Forestry England.</li><li>supervise wildlife management and conservation contracts to Forestry England's policy, procedure and guidance (PPGs), deer management-related policies and industry best practice.</li></ul> <p>And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.</p>
Location-specific information (optional)
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Skills, knowledge & experience
Essential professional and technical experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>experience in wildlife (deer) management and wildlife conservation.</li><li>experience in land management and conservation.</li><li>good understanding of woodland management and woodland ecology.</li><li>experience of using effective communication skills to convey messages to a variety of audiences.</li></ul>

- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications.
- be able to manage a deer dog to Forestry England's standard.

**Desirable professional and technical experience**

- experience of building management.

**Qualifications****Essential**

- DMQ deer stalker's certificates levels 1 and 2 including 'trained hunter' status.
- current police firearms certificate.
- full UK driving license.

**Desirable**

- qualification in wildlife or conservation land management such as a BTEC National Diploma.
- european protected species (EPS) handling licences.
- driving license category B E or be willing to obtain this during your probation.
- appropriately trained in the safe use of Sit-Astride ATVs (Quad Bikes) or be willing to obtain this within the probationary period.
- Forestry First Aid F+.