**North Pennines AONB Partnership Projects**

**Fellfoot Forward**

**Project Summary:**

Fellfoot Forward is led by the North Pennines AONB Partnership and delivered by a partnership of local organisations and communities. Through a scheme of projects, Fellfoot Forward will forge creative connections between people and landscape, conserve habitats and key species and celebrate this beautiful area with communities and visitors. The Fellfoot landscape stretches from the Cumbrian fellside of the North Pennines AONB and UNESCO Global Geopark to the River Eden and runs north from Melmerby to Hallbankgate. Fellfoot Forward is a Landscape Partnership Scheme supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Fellfoot Forward website: https://www.northpennines.org.uk/what\_we\_do/fellfoot-forward/

**Number of traineeships: 1**

**Trainee Responsibilities:**

* To support development of hedgerow creation, wetland creation, woodland and tree planting works
* To develop skills in engaging with farmers, landowners, contractors and the general public
* To work with partners including Eden Rivers Trust and RSPB on river and upland habitat restoration projects
* To develop citizen science activities with local communities, schools and youth groups
* To assist with organising, training and supervising volunteers
* To write material for the North Pennines AONB website, social media and other channels
* To undertake other duties as required, consistent with the responsibility level of the post, as directed by the Fellfoot Forward Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager.

**Location of Traineeship:** Home-based, our North Pennines AONB office at Stanhope and/or our Fellfoot Forward satellite office at Hallbankgate Hub.

**Responsible to:** Fellfoot Forward Scheme Manager

**High Helbeck**

**Project Summary:**

**The North Pennines AONB Partnership’s High Helbeck project will see an upland Estate become a wilder landscape**in one of the first environmental projects awarded a grant from the government’s £80 million Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The project at High Helbeck will have many benefits for the environment, helping to address climate change and promote nature recovery. 80 hectares of bare and eroding peat will be restored through the North Pennines AONB Partnership, as part of their long-running peatland programme which has restored an area of peatland three times the size of Newcastle over the last 15 years. An increase in trees and scrub covering 153 hectares will come about through new planting, but also through promoting natural regeneration, through work supported by the Woodland Trust. The RSPB will lead on creating a series of small wetlands to enhance 85 hectares of habitat for breeding wading birds like curlew, lapwing, snipe and golden plover.  A significant reduction in shooting and greatly reduced but more targeted predator control, is also part of the approach to restoring natural processes.

**Number of traineeships:** 1

**Trainee Responsibilities:**

* To assist with the development and delivery of conservation projects including Peatland restoration, woodland creation and wetland creation.
* To assist with the development and delivery of engagement projects including; Engaging with youth and community groups on site and supporting land manager engagement on site and with neighbouring landowners/managers.
* To assist the RSPB and High Helbeck Conservation Officer with the spring/summer wildlife monitoring programme.
* To assist with organising, training and supervising of volunteers.
* To undertake other duties as required, consistent with the responsibility level of the post, as directed by the High Helbeck Conservation Officer.

**Location of Traineeship:** The High Helbeck Estate near Brough, Cumbria, the North Pennines AONB office at Stanhope (County Durham) and potentially some work from home.

**Responsible to:** High Helbeck Conservation Officer