

Community Woodland Officer

Person Specification

We will use these criteria to assess your suitability for the job.

Essential

Qualifications

1. A degree (or working towards), or equivalent in Forestry or likeminded discipline.

Skills and Abilities

2. Competent IT user with experience of the MS Office suite of applications.
3. Good verbal and written communication skills.
4. Good interpersonal and influencing skills demonstrating the ability to build and maintain effective working relationships with internal and external colleagues, landowners, and stakeholders.

Knowledge

5. Working knowledge and understanding of the UK Forestry Standard.
6. Knowledge of the multiple social, economic, and environmental benefits trees and woodlands deliver.
7. Knowledge of landscape scale approaches to the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of new and existing woodlands and treescapes.

Experience

8. Experience in working with communities and volunteer groups to deliver tree planting projects (or similar).
9. Experience of working with budgets and grant funding applications.
10. Proven experience working on and delivering a range of tree planting schemes and aftercare.

Desirable

1. Membership of (or working towards) a relevant professional institute (e.g. Institute of Chartered Foresters).
2. Experience of using planting plan software e.g. GIS, AutoCAD, LandApp.
3. Evidence of maintaining Continuous Professional Development relating to trees and woodland (or similar).
4. Knowledge of Newcastle City Council, the wider North East Community Forest area (Newcastle, North and South Tyneside, Sunderland, Gateshead, and Durham), and its communities.
5. Knowledge of Local Government and its operating environment.

Additional Requirements

- Hold a full driving licence and have willingness to travel across the North East Community Forest area (Newcastle, North and South Tyneside, Sunderland, Gateshead, and Durham) as required.
- A willingness to work flexible hours, sometimes outside of normal hours, for example evenings for community consultation events and weekends for community tree planting days.

Our Values

Do you share our values of **proud**, **fair**, and **ambitious**?