JOB DESCRIPTION

Farmland Wildlife Adviser

OFFICE BASE: Brooke House, Ashbocking, Suffolk. IP6 9JY

WORK LOCATIONS: Brooke House

WORK HOURS: 37.5 hours per week. Occasional weekends and evenings, with time given off in lieu

Flexible working/working from home may be considered.

SALARY: Up to £27,000 pa (Based on experience). Pension with 8% Employer's Contribution

HOLIDAY: 31 days per annum (pro rata including bank holidays)

REPORTING TO: Wilder Landscapes Manager

OVERALL PURPOSE OF JOB

As Farmland Wildlife Adviser you will work closely with farmers and landowners to create significant wildlife-friendly areas of land across the county.

The role will lead on environmental advice to farmers, guided by the Trust's five-year strategy. Significant focus will be on our conservation priorities: farmland birds, watervole, pollinating insects, nightingale, dormouse, amphibians, stag beetle and hedgehog and the habitats needed to support these species.

You will develop and deliver a landscape scale approach, encouraging contiguous farmers to adopt wildlife friendly methods, such as through agri-environment options or re-wildling, maximising linkages between farms.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Working with farmers and landowners, inspiring them to take action to help Suffolk's wildlife either through direct management or via 'softer' re-wilding approaches.
- Setting up, developing, and supporting farmer and landowner clusters, encouraging long-term self-reliance.
- Providing both informal habitat management advice and detailed agri-environment scheme advice, design, application completion and delivery advice.
- Setting up volunteer groups to monitor our priority species to enable us to measure the success of our work and to provide informal advice outside of our priority areas.
- Working with the Wilder Landscapes Manager to deliver third party investment in biodiversity on farmland to support our priority species.
- Reporting successes to Trustees, members and the wider public through social media and events.

OTHER RESPONSIBILTIES

- Working strategically with other team members and other teams to co-ordinate our farmland advisory work with our work on rivers, parishes, urban sites, and reserves.
- Represent the Trust at external stakeholder meetings.
- Be an ambassador for Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

