



Employer: Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 1EF.

Job Title: Swaledale & Wensleydale Environmental Farmers Project Manager (part time – 3 days a week)

Location: Home Based, but with frequent (weekly) travel to and around the Swaledale and Wensleydale areas.

Remuneration: Competitive rate for self-employed professional.

Start date: ASAP.

Application Closing Date: 22nd November 2024

About the role: GWCT is convening a large group of farmers in the Swaledale and Wensleydale area to set up an Environmental Farmers Group – Swaledale & Wensleydale Environmental Farmers (SWEF). This cooperative group is forming its own Conservation Plan for a large area of Swaledale and Wensleydale under members' ownership, using the knowledge and experience of farmers and land managers on productive farms and moorland. The aim is to use GWCT's expertise in natural science, species recovery and landscape-scale conservation to deliver the very best environmental and financial outcomes from the Natural Capital sector, as well as enabling landscape scale funding from the public sector. GWCT's subsidiary Natural Capital Advisory (NCA) provides Natural Capital baselining, and in time will also provide brokering of environmental trades, and ongoing environmental monitoring on projects delivered above.

Main activities: In this role, you will be focused on all aspects of the activity listed above, work closely with the core GWCT and NCA staff as well as the SWEF Steering Group. The role offers a unique opportunity to create an ambitious area-based conservation plan which takes account of local landscape heritage, social, cultural, and economic issues. You will work closely with the farmers who will deliver the outcomes, source grant funding, and help develop local Natural Capital market opportunities for the farmers by developing relationships with local authorities and developers around the Swaledale & Wensleydale Districts. Local communications, building community links and understanding will also be important.

About you: You will be an experienced individual capable of taking on a multi-functional, diverse role. We will be looking for:

- 7.1. Experience of environmental management, conservation and/or farming
- 7.2. Some experience in design and coordination of public grant applications.
- 7.3. Some commercial experience, ideally in a land-based sector.
- 7.4. Well connected with Local Authorities and key stakeholders.
- 7.5. Problem solver with excellent communication skills and impeccable attention to detail,
- 7.6. Highly proactive, organised and comfortable prioritising and managing your work,
- 7.7. Happy to work independently and as part of a small and dynamic team,
- 7.8. Interest to learn about the positive impacts Natural Capital will have on climate change,
- 7.9. Strong IT and mapping skills, proficient with MS Outlook, Excel, Word and Sharepoint (desirable), LandApp.

To apply please send a covering letter and CV to Rachel Ridd at rridd@gwct.org.uk ASAP or for any questions on the role please contact me on 07458 147154.

