

HLF Training Bursary LEMUR Project

Ecological Heritage Survey Trainee with Wye Valley AONB



1. Identification of placement

Trainee Title: Ecological Heritage Survey Trainee

Trainee Code: 9R

Responsible to: Community Links Officer

2. Overall purpose of placement

The Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Unit is providing a trainee position to develop specific skills in ecological and landscape survey work, use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and heritage interpretation. The overall purpose of the placement will be to expand the current biodiversity and landscape data through surveying for veteran trees, bat species/habitat and riparian habitats. The placement will also assist in the assessment of biodiversity action plan habitats and high nature value farmland as well as interpretation of the AONB's special qualities to the public.

The primary purpose of AONB designation is the conservation and enhancement of the area's natural beauty. The roles and responsibilities of the WVAONB Unit are diverse; working with partner organisations, local communities and the farming community the successful applicant will operate within a small multi-disciplinary team and discover the mechanisms for landscape scale conservation.

3. Main responsibilities/areas of work

Your application should clearly illustrate your potential to carry out these responsibilities and meet the Trainee Specification.

- With support from the AONB Development Officer continue to develop the Wye Valley AONB Veteran Tree Survey, surveying and mapping the distribution of veteran trees and their associated features/biodiversity.
- With training and support develop and implement a survey of bat species along the banks of the River Wye and assess the riparian habitat as a resource for bats.
- Through field surveys, investigate the status and quality of Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats and High Nature Value Farmland in the AONB.
- Input data from all survey work into the AONB GIS database. Interrogate/analyse survey data and produce reports on survey and research work.
- Support the AONB Community Links Officer in the delivery of interpretive and educational events/activities and the production of interpretive literature.
- Support the AONB Community Links Officer with volunteer tasks and community/resident training courses (e.g. drystone walling, hedge laying).
- To undertake any other duties commensurate with the Wye Valley AONB Unit and the implementation of the Wye Valley AONB Management Plan.

For more information visit: www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

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