

Vacancy details:

Role: Senior Ecologist

Location: Brandeton, Suffolk

Full Time: to start January 2022

Salary: £28,000 - £34,000

Closing Date: 12 11 .2021

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Consultant Ecologist

A busy expanding ecological consultancy based in the Suffolk countryside. Established in 2002, Abrehart Ecology has developed a reputation for producing high quality ecological surveying and advisory services to statutory bodies, conservations NGOs, the utility sector and private developers. We specialise in botanical, Phase 1 and National Vegetation Classification surveys, aquatic invertebrates and macrophyte surveys, including intertidal habitats, coastal lagoons and mollusc ecology.

The Role

Our expanding workload means that we require an ecologist with a minimum of 5 years' experience in the consultancy sector, or closely related field. Protected species knowledge is required for this role. As a small company we envisage that the role will be flexible across the range of work which we carry out

In return we offer an enjoyable working environment and a chance to work on exciting and wide-ranging projects across East Anglia and the UK.

Key responsibilities:

- Planning and undertaking a variety of ecological surveys including, but not limited to, protected species surveys of lowland terrestrial, estuarine and freshwater habitats and protected species assessments.
- Carrying out protected species mitigation.
- EcIA production.
- Producing associated reports to a high standard;
- Supervising junior staff; and
- Liaison with clients and stakeholders associated with projects.

Requirements (Essential):

- Experience of surveying for protected species and following standard guidelines.
- Working knowledge of mitigation principles and environmental/wildlife legislation in relation to protected and invasive species.
- Experience of undertaking Phase 1 surveys/Preliminary Ecological surveys to a high standard.
- Good report writing and IT skills including GIS.
- Minimum of a BSc in Ecology or related subject.
- Level 2 Bat survey licence and proficiency in sound analysis of bat calls (Bat Scan or Analook);
- A willingness to get involved in a range of other aspects of the work here;
- Ability to organise and prioritise workload to meet project deadlines; and
- A full driving licence is essential for this role, as is a willingness to carry out surveys during unsociable hours and at times travel and stay away from home.

Requirements (Desirable):

- Good botanical identification skills;
- A specialism in one or more of our areas of expertise;
- To hold a CIEEM membership.

Please send a CV and cover letter, to Lindsey Jennings lindsey@abrehartecology.com confirming that you are eligible to work in the UK, identifying how you meet the capability criteria and an indication of potential start date.