



Job Description

Position: Ecologist

Location: Peterborough (with travel throughout the UK)

Salary: £25,000 per annum (full-time)

Duration: Initially one year contract to start as soon as possible

Froglife Ltd is recruiting an Ecologist to deliver several ecological consultancy contracts. Froglife Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Froglife Trust. Froglife Ltd mainly specialises in amphibians and reptiles but we do sometimes work with other wildlife. We currently have several contracts in place for 2015/16 and we are seeking a suitably qualified Ecologist to deliver these contract. The position will require the following:

- Extensive travel throughout the UK.
- Great Crested Newt license (level 2).
- First Aid Certificate (Froglife will cover the cost of the training course)
- Driving license and own car.
- Preferably a member of a recognised professional body such as the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM).
- Night-time and weekend work.

1. Main duties

- Carry out a number of several amphibian and reptile's species surveys by hand, nets, torches, bottle traps and pitfall traps.

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- Undertake pond creation & restoration work and enhancing surrounding terrestrial habitat for amphibians and reptiles. This will involve close liaison with landowners and volunteer groups, drawing up habitat action plans, sourcing suitable contractors, supervising contractors and drawing up a habitat management plan for each site.
- Undertake translocation projects, this will require supervising fencing contractors, installing pitfall traps, maintaining the traps and moving the animals to a new site.
- Liaise with and advise site managers, planners and others associated with the work on the best methods to protect amphibian and reptile populations.
- Work on Froglife's Leapfrog Schools programme, this will involve creating outdoor classrooms at schools and working with the community to ensure sustainability and use of the space. Classrooms to include a pond and other habitats to support wildlife.
- Deliver a training package on pond management, amphibian identification and pond dipping methods to teachers at Leapfrog Schools.
- Deliver Froglife's amphibian and reptile species identification and habitat management training package.
- Undertake Habitat Suitability Index surveys and where relevant carry out environmental impact assessments.
- Write reports and issue recommendations.
- Work with the CEO to secure additional contracts and when relevant attend suitable networking events. Build relationships with stakeholders.

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- Analysing and submitting data to relevant Local Record Centres.
- Further develop and maintain Froglife Ltd website and other social media opportunities.
- Any other reasonable duties as requested by the CEO.

2. Organisational relationships:

The post will be line managed by Froglife's CEO and will work closely with the Conservation Coordinator. The post may from time to time line manage Field Workers.

3. Qualifications:

- A relevant degree is desirable but consideration will also be given to work experience.
- At least 2 years relevant work experience.

4. Other factors:

- This is initially a one year contract with a view to extending the contract on securing further contracts.

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