



The Wildlife Trust for
**Lancashire
Manchester &
North Merseyside**



Recruitment Pack 2024

About Us

We're one of 47 Wildlife Trusts spread across the UK, the Isle of Man and Alderney.

The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside (LWT) was founded in 1962 by people who knew they needed to take action for nature.

Since then we have grown to be the largest nature conservation body in the area. We are uniquely positioned to lead change in our region, working at a grass roots, local level, whilst also being part of a strong cohesive national movement.

We work to protect wild spaces, and re-introduce key species and habitats, protecting the biodiversity of our area so that nature can recover.

We work in partnership with other organisations, community groups, landowners and key decision-makers to inspire them to work with and for nature.

At LWT we believe that:

- Wildlife has intrinsic value, bringing colour, beauty and wonder to all our lives.
- The natural environment is under immense and growing threat, where we live and across the World.
- We are part of the natural world, and wildlife is relevant to every part of our lives; everything we do has an impact on it, and the natural environment affects our health, our wealth and our state of mind.
- Everyone can make a positive contribution to wildlife and can benefit from it.

Our mission is to:

- Enable wildlife's recovery in our area by working in partnership with others to conserve, restore, create and connect habitats and to increase species abundance; and
- Connect people with nature and help them to take action for wildlife, wherever they are.

Our vision

is that nature is recovering on a grand scale across Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, and in our sea, and that everyone is able to enjoy our increasingly abundant wildlife.

Strategic Goals & Ambition by 2030

1. Nature is in recovery with abundant, diverse wildlife and natural processes creating wilder land and seascapes where people and nature thrive

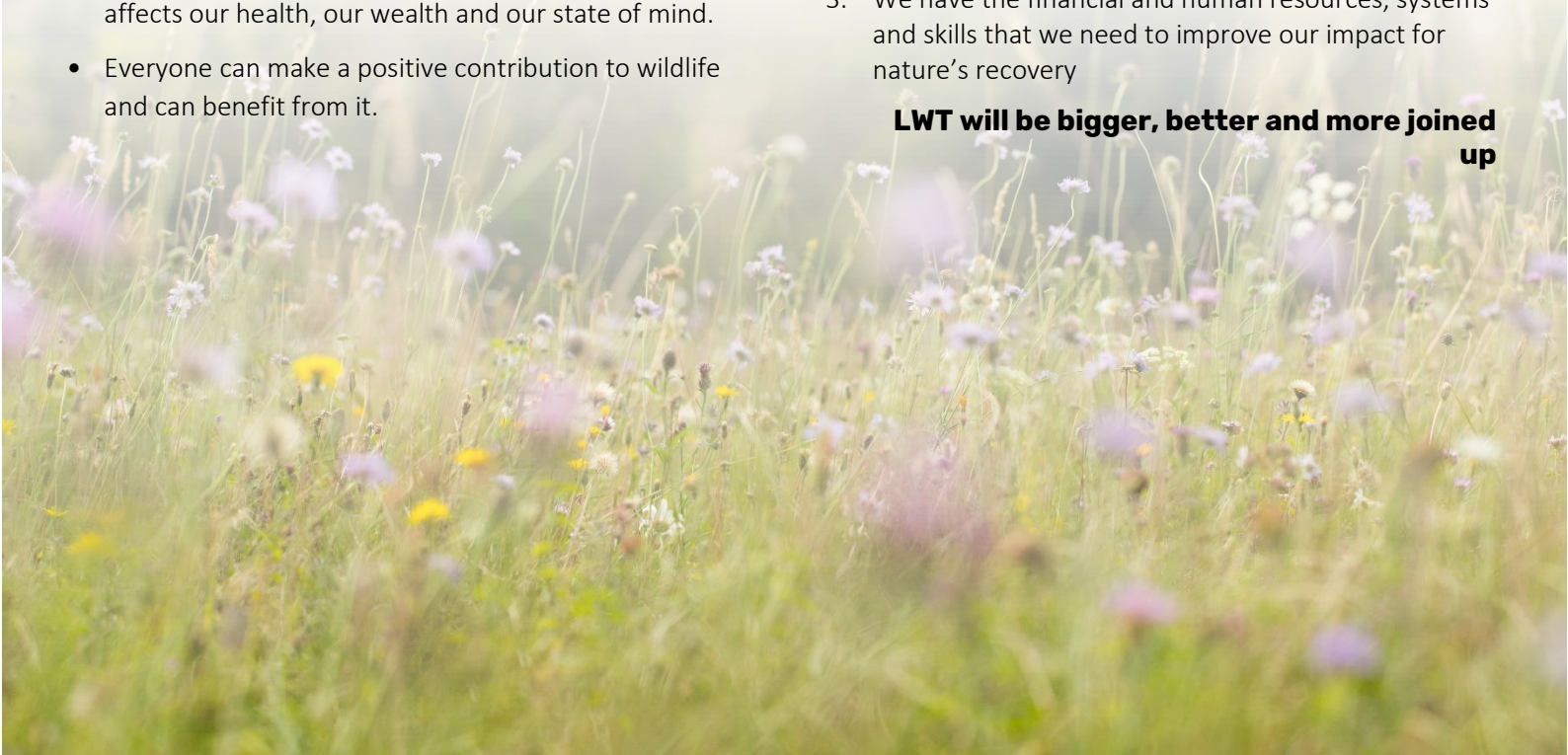
30% of land and sea is in recovery

2. People are better connected to nature in their lives and more are taking purposeful action for wildlife

1 in 4 people are taking action for nature

3. We have the financial and human resources, systems and skills that we need to improve our impact for nature's recovery

LWT will be bigger, better and more joined up

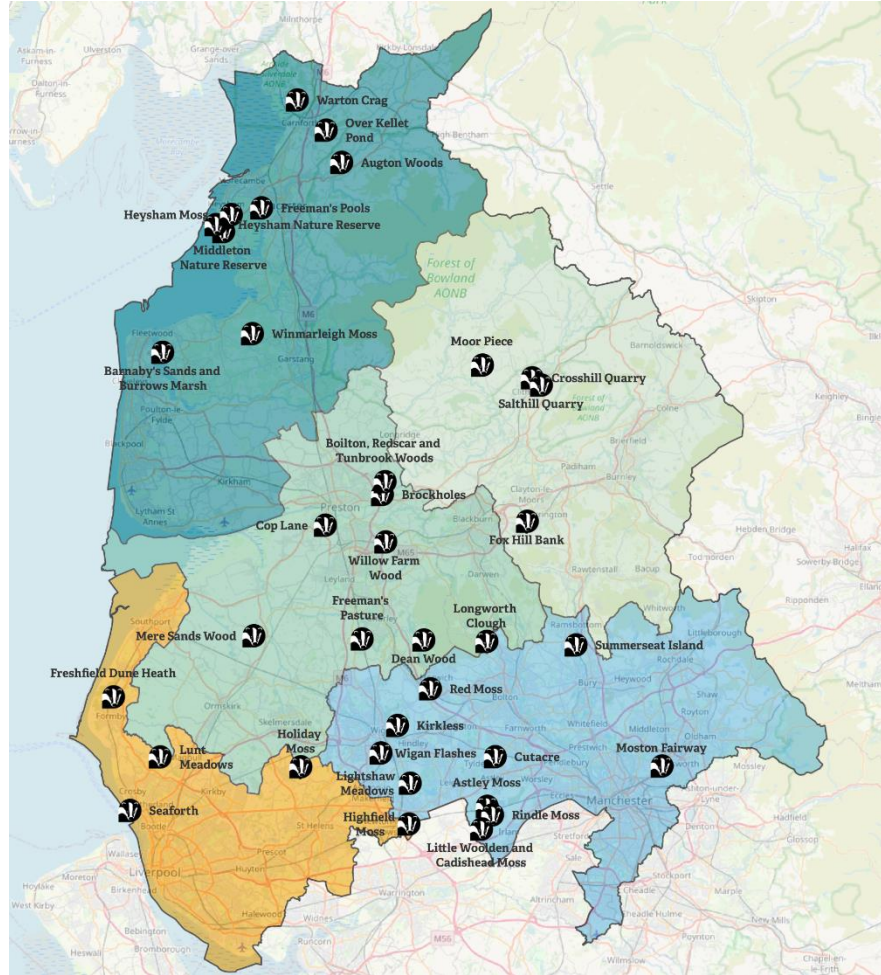


Our Reserves

We have saved many special places, acquiring and managing many of them as nature reserves—we look after 50 sites (including 42 of our own nature reserves), and a total of around 1,300 hectares of habitat, creating a network where people and wildlife can thrive, on your doorstep.

We believe that limited mobility shouldn't mean missing out on wildlife. Many of our reserves have accessible paths and boardwalks, disabled facilities and accessible bird hides, so you can fully immerse yourself in the great outdoors and discover the wonderful wildlife that lives on your doorstep.

We also have 6 offices based across Greater Manchester, North Merseyside, West Lancashire, East Lancashire and North Lancashire. Our Head Office is based on the outskirts of Preston.



Our Wildlife - OUR DOORSTEP-



We are working across the region to make a difference to our local wildlife, for everyone to enjoy

Red squirrel by Mark Hamblin

Our Impact

Our education team and project officers engage **more than 20,000 children** in wildlife-related activities

On average **every 10 miles** you travel in the region means you will pass a Wildlife Trust project

More than **28,000 members** support the Wildlife Trust in the region and 800,000 across the UK

More than **5,000 people** a year take part in walks and other events on our reserves

We have over **1,200 dedicated volunteers** supporting us on a regular basis, with their time, skills and experience - adding to the 750,000 volunteering across the UK

Our reserves cover more than **1,300 hectares** across the region

We own or manage **42 nature reserves** in the region

Our Work

The Trust works across Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside to create a strong network where nature can thrive and people can benefit.

Our core conservation work includes land management, advocacy for the natural world with key decision-makers, species re-introduction, protecting threatened species, restoring threatened peatlands and collecting essential scientific data. We do this on land and at sea to secure a brighter future for both wildlife and wild places across our region.

Wildlife has a magical power to connect people from all walks of life and give local communities a sense of ownership. We are dedicated to opening up the natural world to absolutely everyone, improving peoples' health and wellbeing and helping locals forge new connections through a number of fantastic community projects. We work all over our area with schools, colleges and community groups, running inspiring sessions covering everything from Forest School and orienteering to Wild Family and Nature Tots sessions. We also work in schools, delivering environmental education and helping improve school grounds. Our education team are leaders within the Wildlife Trust movement.

We are also leaders in delivering natural wellbeing. We believe that wildlife and nature have the power to instil confidence, heal the mind and help people meet their potential, which is why we champion a number of ecotherapy-based projects for both children and adults and the positive impacts to date have been phenomenal.

Find out more at www.lancswt.org.uk/our-work/our-projects



Strategic Plan

We will continue to work across Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside to deliver positive benefits for both people and wildlife. Our plan builds on the Trusts past successes and recognises how we need to evolve to meet the challenges ahead and remain a relevant, effective organisation.

In all we do to achieve our strategic goals, we strive to:

Champion wildlife rich landscapes

We will use our 50 years of expertise to lead the way for nature conservation locally and work within The Wildlife Trusts movement to make a national impact. We will base our plans on sound knowledge and evidence.

Defend wildlife and wild places

We will stand up for the environment and protect wild spaces, enhancing them for both people and wildlife. We will encourage biodiversity, and work with land owners and other organisations in partnership, to create a network of habitats across our region where people and wildlife can thrive.

Inspire people to take action for their local wildlife

We will inspire people to enjoy and protect the wildlife and wild spaces on their doorstep. We will help people learn how to live more sustainably, and demonstrate the benefits of nature to their health and wellbeing. We will engage people of all ages, from all communities to take action for wildlife and we will foster the environmental leaders of the future.

Base our work on sound **evidence**

We will use evidence from sound science and research to further ecological understanding and demonstrate the needs, benefits and outcomes of nature conservation. We will use this evidence to focus our efforts on the areas most in need of protecting and champion those species that need a helping hand.

Our Future

- OUR WILDLIFE-

We can't make a difference if we do nothing. Now is the time to stand together for nature and take action for our local wildlife.



Our Culture

We are committed to protecting wildlife, restoring biodiversity and connecting people with the natural world in Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside. This commitment brings tenacity in dealing with challenges and huge personal satisfaction from successful projects.

We encourage a creative atmosphere where new ideas can flourish. People who thrive in our organisation enjoy a role where they take on a high level of personal responsibility for achieving outstanding results whilst building strong relationships both internally and externally.

We promote a culture where our staff, trustees and volunteers are Wild About Inclusion, where difference is celebrated, everyone can be themselves, feel respected and able to contribute to their full potential.

What does an LWT team member look like?

Integrity

- Acting in the best interest of the Trust and honouring our scientific foundations in all our activities. An honest and respectful approach to the core objectives of the charity, and the wishes of our members and funders.

Team Player

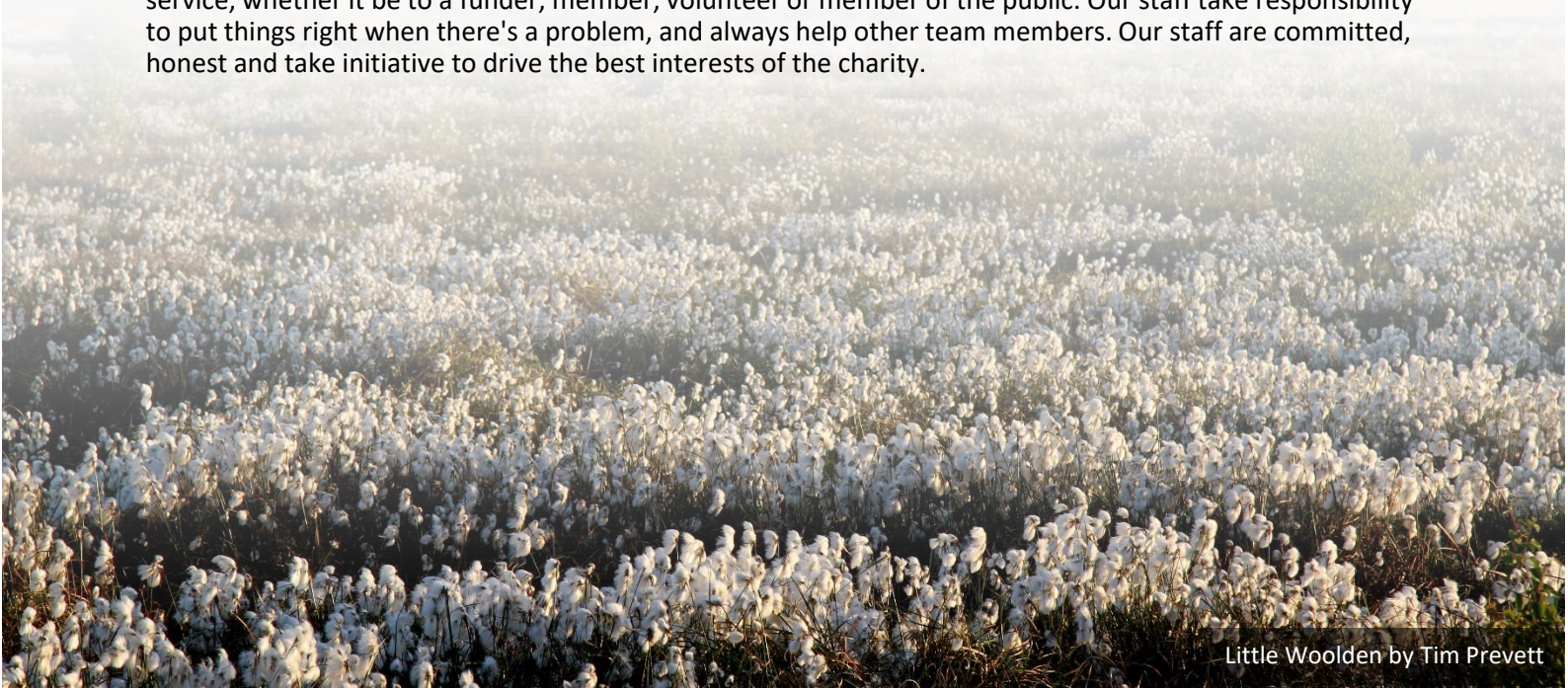
- A friendly, family atmosphere. Everyone is treated with the same level of respect and courtesy. The Chief Executive will often stop for a chat, and full staff meetings provide the chance to get to know others. We are one big team, and our staff are always ready to roll up their sleeves and help where it's most needed, regardless of their job role.

Passion

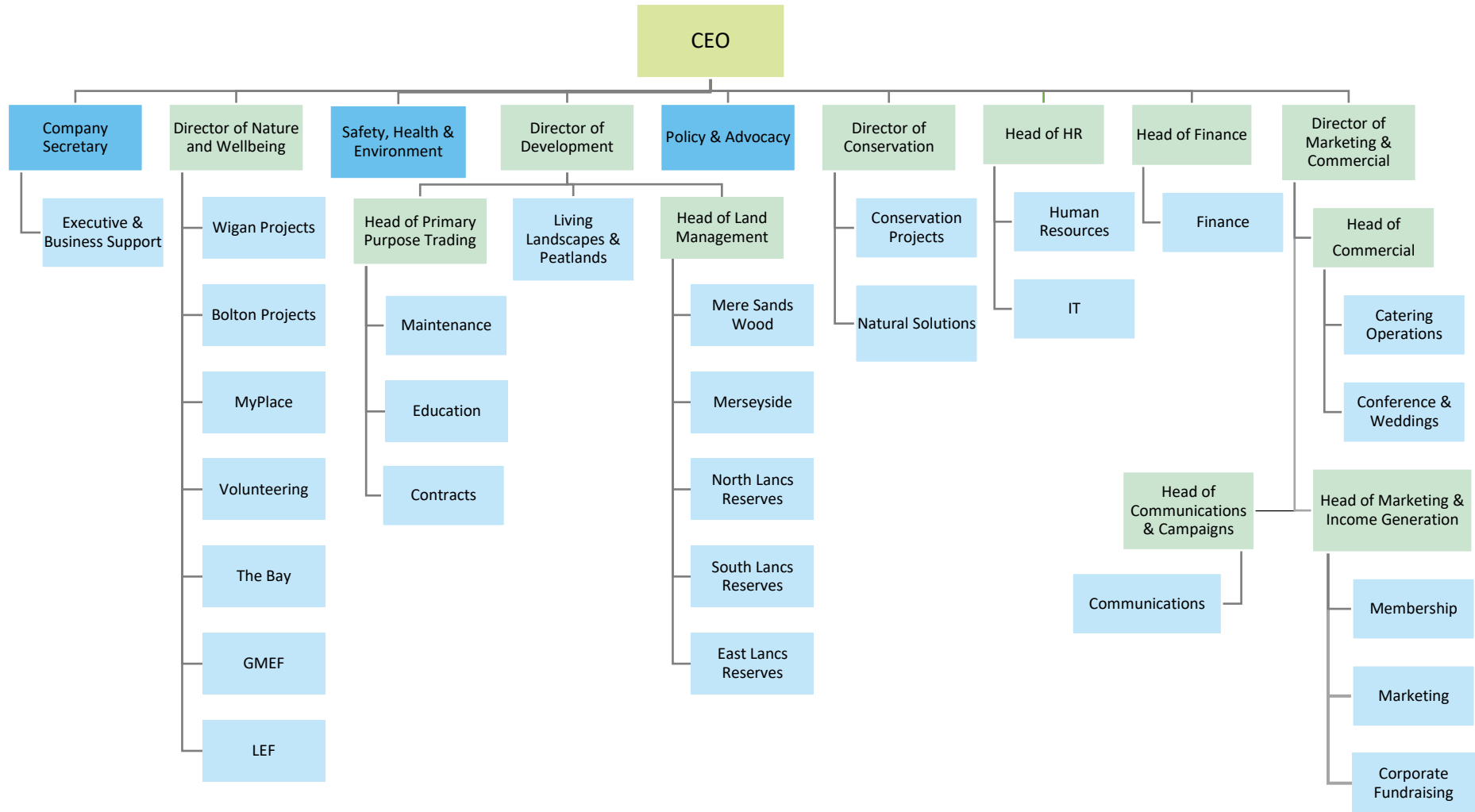
- Passion is at the very heart of every LWT team member. With a love of wildlife, a passion for helping make a difference, or a will to help and inspire others. From our staff to volunteers and our members, we have passion by the bucket load!

Personal Responsibility

- Our staff are flexible in the way they work and adaptable to change. They provide exceptional customer service, whether it be to a funder, member, volunteer or member of the public. Our staff take responsibility to put things right when there's a problem, and always help other team members. Our staff are committed, honest and take initiative to drive the best interests of the charity.



Lancashire Wildlife Trust Organisation Chart



About the project

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust is the regions local charity, working hard to improve the local area for wildlife. Since 1912, The Wildlife Trusts have been speaking out for nature in the UK. Our organisation is unique - while most of our work for wildlife takes place at local grassroots level, we have a national voice. We support and are supported by the 46 Wildlife Trusts in the United Kingdom. With 28,000 members in the region and 800,000 members nationally we represent a strong body of opinion when it comes to wildlife issues.

Lancashire Wildlife Trust own and manage some of the rarest habitats in Northern England and work towards being an exemplar of land management for nature conservation. The Reserve Officer will primarily manage and maintain habitats for wildlife and assist as part of team in managing visitor facilities and infrastructure at Lunt Meadows Nature Reserve and Flood Storage Reservoir but will work with the wider team to assist on sites around the region when needed.

We are seeking a skilled, enthusiastic and energetic person who has a passion for wildlife who has the experience to deliver land management.



Job Description

**Post Title:**

Reserve Officer – Lunt Meadows

Responsible to:

Lunt Meadows Project Manger

Location:

Seaforth Nature Reserve, Port of
Liverpool, L21 1JD
Hybrid working will be considered on request

Hours of Work:

35 hours per week

Salary:

£27,087 per annum

Duration of post:

Permanent

Other:

All candidates must have the Right to
Work in the UK.

PURPOSE OF POST

To support in the management of habitats and visitor infrastructure at Lunt Meadows Nature Reserve and Flood Storage Reservoir.

To work with a range of stakeholders, partners, landowners, volunteers and contractors to ensure the positive management of habitats and species.

To deliver conservation objectives on LWT nature reserves and look for opportunities within the region.

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be responsible for the day to day management of Lunt Meadows Nature Reserve, undertaking conservation and access management works.
- Manage SHE and legal compliance.
- Write, review and coordinate the delivery of the management plans.
- Generate and manage budgets.
- Provide regular reports to funders, clients and internally within LWT.
- Develop and submit grant applications for conservation work.
- Appoint and supervise contractors.
- Provide on-site supervision, support and training to volunteers carrying out practical conservation and other tasks.
- Work closely with other members of the Reserves team to ensure good communications and efficient use of staff time and equipment including co-ordinate appropriate team and staff meetings.
- Be responsible for the collation of biological records for LWT reserves, through liaison with volunteers, county recorders, and LWT staff.
- Be responsible for materials, tools and equipment, ensuring their transport or delivery to work sites and their security and maintenance.
- To assist in the strategic development of the LWT Business Plan.

The post holder will:

- Undertake a wide range of conservation management tasks on a variety of conservation sites working as part of a team and on their own.
- Be responsible for site, building and equipment maintenance and security at Lunt Meadows.
- Use a variety of hand tools and driven tools and maintain them in good order.
- Regularly liaise with a wide range of contacts both internally and externally, including:
 - Lunt, Merseyside, Reserves, Education, Marketing and Communications Teams, LWT and RSWT staff.
 - Contractors.
 - Staff and officers from other bodies, including local government, NGO's and statutory bodies.
- Address a wide range of audiences of 10+, including speaking at conferences, seminars
- Attend appropriate staff and team meetings.
- Attend committee meetings where necessary and liaise with internal and external bodies including, e.g. Nature Recovery Committee, Safety, Health and Environment Committee, Project Steering Groups, Water Management Group.
- Maintain compliance with SHE procedures in a wide range of situations. Lone working will be a regular activity and the post holder must be able to assess and monitor working conditions and act appropriately.
- Develop and submit grant applications up to and including budgets of £200,000.
- Work creatively as a team to generate income for the Nature Reserve and the wider business.
- Plan, implement and manage site activities in order to ensure that conservation objectives are met.
- Act on own initiative while working within an agreed work programme.
- Regularly lead and provide on-site supervision of volunteers and volunteer groups with a range of backgrounds and ability levels.
- Work hours as required to ensure the needs of the Business and Nature Reserve are met. This post will require flexibility including regular evenings and weekends.
- Travel regularly. A current full driving licence is required and the postholder must have access to a vehicle for regular travel.
- The job holder is required to follow and comply with all policies and procedures of the Trust which includes the Trust's Health and Safety procedures in the workplace, ensuring personal safety and the safeguarding of the interests and safety of all staff, trainees, visitors, and others at the Trust.
- To work as part of a team alongside staff & volunteers as required
- To uphold the working values and expectations of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust
- To carry out other duties relevant to your post as reasonably required by your line manager



Person Specification

EXPERIENCE

Essential

- At least three years' experience, either paid or voluntary, of practical conservation and / or estate management work.
- Proven (>3 years) implementation of a range of practical land management, habitat management and/or infrastructure maintenance techniques. This should include familiarity and competence with using a range of hand tools, hand-held power tools and optimally two or more of the following machinery types: brush cutter, tractor and chainsaw.
- Maintaining a safe working environment, including understanding the role and importance of method statements and risk assessments, and recognising and enforcing good working practice.
- Record keeping and planning of tasks in a busy working environment.
- Supervision, recruitment and training of volunteers, either as a peer or as a supervisory staff member.
- Familiarity with a range of ecological surveys and biological recording in the UK.
- Liaison with a wide range of individuals and organisations.

Desirable

- Costing projects, organising materials and keeping records.
- Preparing and managing budgets and contracts.
- Report production and grant claims.
- Supervision of contractors.
- Producing and delivering site management plans.
- Working with grazing animals.

KNOWLEDGE

Essential

- Practical conservation and estate management techniques and practice.

- Wildlife habitats, associated species and their management.
- Wildlife surveying, monitoring and evaluation techniques.
- Current SHE regulations, including risk assessment.

Desirable

- A relevant qualification at least equivalent to HND.
- An understanding of the hydrological management of a wetland nature reserve and how to move water around a system.

SKILLS

Essential

- Effective communication skills to a wide range of audiences.
- Good organisational skills and be able to prioritise workloads effectively
- Leadership skills.
- Effective project management and co-ordination skills with the ability to take on tasks from conception to completion.
- Proficient use of computer packages such as Microsoft and GIS.
- First aid at work certificate.

Desirable

- A full, clean driving licence.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Essential

- Ability to maintain high levels of enthusiasm and self-motivation
- Ability to work on own initiative and co-operate as part of a team
- Integrity, tact and diplomacy, particularly in dealing with members of the public
- A strong affinity with native UK wildlife/wildlife habitats
- A positive and mature approach demonstrating integrity, tact and diplomacy
- Willingness to be flexible and respond to changing circumstances

General Terms & Conditions

Holidays:	28 days per annum (increasing with length of service), plus bank holidays, pro rata for part-time employees.
Pension:	The Trust contributes to the NEST Pension Scheme. Full details will be provided.
Hours of Work:	Full Time 35 hours per week. Normal working pattern will be 9.00am – 4.30pm. Overtime is not paid but time off in lieu may be taken, where appropriate, as the post may involve some evening or weekend working.
Duration of post:	This post is offered on a permanent basis. All new employees undertake a probationary period of 6 months; in which time they are expected to demonstrate their suitability for the post.
Closing Date:	Midnight Sunday 22nd September 2024
Interviews:	Week commencing 30th September

To apply for this position you are required to complete an Application Form which can be downloaded from our Website: www.lancswt.org.uk/jobs

Completed applications should be returned to: applications@lancswt.org.uk

Thank you for your interest in working for the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside. We look forward to receiving your application.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

As an inclusive employer, The Wildlife Trusts value diversity and we're committed to creating an inclusive culture where everyone is able to be themselves and to reach their full potential. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and cultures. We believe that a diverse workforce will help us create our vision of people close to nature, with land and seas rich in wildlife.

To understand how we are performing, we ask that you kindly complete a Diversity Monitoring Form in addition to your application.

Please be assured that your responses are kept confidential, separate from your candidate record, are not part of any application you make, and that the recruiting staff never see individual responses to the questionnaire.

Criteria Common to All Job Descriptions:

A Job Description sets out the purpose of the job, where it fits into the Trust's structure, the context within which the job holder functions and the principal accountabilities of job holders, or the main tasks they have to carry out. It is not a definitive work plan. This document is intended to provide guidance on the scope and function of the job.

Equal Opportunities Statement:

All employees are required to adhere to and promote the principles and operation of the Trust's policies on equalities, to ensure that services provided are relevant to ethnically diverse communities and other disadvantaged groups in the area.

Safety, Health and Environment Statement:

All employees are required to ensure that all duties and responsibilities are discharged in accordance with the Trust's Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) at Work Policy and associated SHE policies and guidelines. They should take reasonable care for their own Health and Safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do or do not do. Staff should correctly use work items provided by the Trust including personal protective equipment in accordance with training or insurance. All members of Trust staff are responsible for informing their line managers of any potential gaps in the current Trust Policy. All employees are responsible for ensuring that the SHE Policy is up to date and continuously reviewed and evaluated.

Performance Review:

All employees will participate in the Trust's Performance Review process. The process aims to ensure that performance standards/targets are jointly agreed between employees and line managers and are achieved within agreed time scales. Failure to maintain an appropriate standard indicated by management can result in Capability proceedings being taken.

Commensurate Statement:

At times, the Post holder will be required to undertake other duties and responsibilities of a similar level and nature in order to support workload peaks and resources and skill shortages, ensuring priorities are met. This will be sensitive to available resources and individual skills and will generally be within the same area.

Adherence to Staff Handbook, Policies and Procedures:

The Trust is a large, diverse charitable organisation and as such needs to ensure that all employees are aware of their obligations to and from the organisation. These are clearly defined in the Staff handbook, the Intranet and in the policies and procedures adopted by Council as part of the Trust's governance. All Employees have an obligation to read and understand these policies, especially those that are pertinent to this role.