

Senior Forest Officer

- **Location:** Mid-South (Aberystwyth or Llanymddyfri office)
- **Grade & Salary:** £37,308-£40,806 (Grade 6)
- **Post number:** 200544
- **Type of contract:** Permanent
- **Work pattern:** 37 hours Full time, although discussions at interview stage will be welcome.

Closing date: 12 February 2023

Benefits: Civil Service pension, 28 days annual leave, rising to 33 days over 5 years, flexible working options, occupational health including counselling and advisory services and eye care, childcare vouchers and salary sacrifice schemes.

Role Purpose

The Forest Operations Team are responsible for the sustainable management of the Welsh Government Woodland Estate to meet accreditation under UK Woodland Assurance Scheme and ISO14001 and to deliver Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. The team covers management of the Welsh Government woodlands in the Mid-South (West) area from Aberystwyth in the west to Llandovery in the east. These comprise a diverse mix of upland and lowland blocks including north and mid Tywi, Cwm Berwyn, Lampeter, Cross Inn, Tarenig, Myherin and the Ystwyth valley.

The role of the Senior Officer is key in developing tactical plans to deliver annual operational programmes. This requires working closely with teams within NRW as well as suppliers, customers and stakeholders to ensure that these plans are delivered on time as well as to meet qualitative standards and value for money.

The individual will be expected to:

- Develop tactical five year plans covering clearfelling, thinning as well as conversion to Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS), restocking, establishment and maintenance programmes.
- Produce annual budget profiles in collaboration with the Team Leader and regularly report on progress.
- Assess proposed strategic Forest Resource Plans to ensure delivery of a wide range of objectives to meet UK Forestry Standard.
- Support the wider team in terms of management of operations where required.
- Take ownership of managing sub-compartment data.
- Manage specific projects when required.

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate self-motivation and innovative thinking.

Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable

If you would like to have a site visit to discuss the role as well as seeing the working environment, please contact us (see contact details for Marius Urwin below).

Must have full UK driving license.

Qualifications and Skills

You will have:

1. Professional membership, or at least working towards such accreditation of their related subject, within an agreed timescale.
2. Experience of working across a wide range of land management disciplines.
3. Knowledge of sustainable forest management, UKWAS and forest certification schemes.
4. Coaching and mentoring skills.
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