


Job Title: Assistant Forester

Summary of Role:

The role will principally focus on woodland surveys & associated mapping including National Forestry Inventory (NFI) surveys, production/volume assessments, tree health and other surveys as required across southern England.

In addition, the role will support the development and implementation of financially and environmentally sustainable woodland management plans & practices, ensuring client's woods are managed efficiently in line with Countryside Stewardship grant schemes and UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS) standards.

Key Accountabilities

- To organise and deliver woodland surveys including production, attribute, NFI, tree safety, surveys and woodland mapping as required by Penfolds Woodland Management and their clients.
- To plan and undertake site inspections/surveys of client's trees/woodlands identifying silvicultural & maintenance needs with a view to developing a planned and costed programme of works.
- To organise and deliver European Protected Species (EPS) inspections, and deer/squirrel impact assessments.
- To commission contractors and consultants to undertake work within given budgets and to monitor their performance undertaking inspections, recording findings, making recommendations for corrective action, approving payments.
- To update and maintain management data & files ensuring accurate information is maintained for use. Contribute towards service improvements in the way in which data is held and instigating efficiencies where identifiable.
- To assist in the creation of woodland management plans, tree health grants new planting schemes.
- To undertake carbon sequestration calculations and to register new afforestation with the Woodland Carbon Code.
- To advocate the proactive management of existing woodland and expansion of new woodland on behalf of the company.


Key skills, expertise, and qualities

- Degree or Higher Diploma in forestry, or related land or environmental management qualification.
- Technical knowledge of UK Forestry Standard, forestry management & silvicultural practices, operations, grants, licencing, and site supervisory requirements.
- Understanding of woodland habitats & ecology and associated protective instruments.
- Understanding of woodland/tree abiotic pests and diseases, including deer and squirrel control and the management thereof.
- Ability to carry out woodland inspections and use of associated measuring tools (heights, diameters, basal measurements) and equipment.
- Ability to utilise a wide range of digital software for the collection and management of woodland attributes & tree stock.
- Awareness of climate change adaptation methods and forest resilience practices
- To be well organised, to be able to prioritise, and to manage a varied workload and
- Ability to proactively deal with complex and sometimes contentious issues relating to people and woodland interests.
- Good stakeholder communication.
- Numerate & articulate.
- A good working knowledge and understanding of health and safety issues associated with the post.
- Hold or be prepared to become chartered within the Institute of Chartered Foresters.

Financial and Line Management responsibility:

None

Reporting to:

Operations Manager

Benefits:

An environment with flexible working options • Learning and development tailored to your role • A culture which promotes a diverse and inclusive work environment • 20 days annual leave. • Competitive salary and pension contributions • Company vehicle

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