



## **Apprentice Conservation Worker**

### **About Make It Wild**

The purpose of Make It Wild is to protect nature in a number of ways. We create and manage nature reserves, plant huge numbers of trees, host nature connection workshops and volunteer days and teach people about the importance of protecting our environment.

### **Job Description**

We require an enthusiastic, inquisitive and eager young person with an interest in nature and the environment to help us with the practical elements of managing our nature reserves. Come and work hard with us outside in all weathers and we'll teach you practical skills, survey skills and much more!

**Hours of work:** 30 per week. Usually 8:30 – 16:30, Tuesday – Friday, but some flexibility may be necessary, for example to help with occasional events at weekends.

### **Description of role**

- To assist the Land Manager in a variety of practical tasks relating to the creation and management of our nature reserves in different habitats. Examples of this might include:
  - Installing or repairing gates, stiles, fencing, dry stone walls, boardwalks and footpaths.
  - Clearing and stacking large trees that have fallen across footpaths in woodland.
  - Creating footpaths around dedicated trees in our newly planted woodlands with a strimmer.
  - Tree planting and maintenance
- Helping with small construction jobs as needed e.g. fire wood stores
- Attending formal training for machinery and plant, and using these qualifications as part of the role.
- To be actively engaged with learning new skills as a part of the role

- Working alongside volunteers and other team members as part of group practical days and helping with the delivery of other public-facing workshops and activities.
- Assist with or conduct habitat and species surveys and other ecological and conservation research projects
- To maintain and keep clean all Make It Wild issued Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE), machinery and equipment.
- To contribute to the care and wellbeing of conservation livestock (currently cows and ponies) when requested and take charge of their care when other staff are not present.

### **Skills and personal qualities required**

- Driving licence and access to a car – you will need to meet your line manager at our various sites.
- Energy and enthusiasm to learn new skills and gain knowledge about nature conservation.
- An appreciation for nature and the environment that informs personal behaviour and working practices.
- Attention to detail and taking pride in a job well done.
- Punctuality.
- An ability to work with different types of people in a variety of situations.
- Honesty and trustworthiness.