

Context statement

To accompany job description and person specification when required

Job title: Heathland Mitigation Area Monitoring Warden

Directorate/Service/Team: Economy & Environment/Planning/Environment Policy & Partnership/DHP

Reports to: DHP Monitoring Officer

About the Dorset Heaths Partnership

The Dorset Heaths Partnership (DHP) was established in 2001 and is hosted by Dorset Council, which employs the core team on behalf of the partnership.

DHP is a collaborative initiative involving 10 partner organisations, delivering a coordinated approach to mitigating the impacts of residential development on protected heathland sites across south east Dorset. This work is guided by the Dorset Heathlands Supplementary Planning Document, ensuring the long-term protection of these internationally important habitats.

Location and Working Arrangements

The role will be primarily based at the Urban Wildlife Centre, Corfe Mullen. However, the post holder will be expected to work flexibly, including:

- Home working
- Travelling to a range of countryside sites
- Supporting public engagement and on-site monitoring activities

Role Purpose

The Area Monitoring Warden plays a key role in delivering the Monitoring Strategy across the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council and Dorset Council areas. The post holder will support the collection, management, and analysis of monitoring data to better understand visitor behaviour and its impact on heathland sites.

The role is focussed on delivering points 10, 11,12 of the main responsibilities and duties within the Area Warden Job Description as listed below:

- Compile reports on incidents and record events on appropriate computer database systems, ensuring all such records for their area are kept up to date.
- Provide support to the monitoring of this project, including research and reports, helping to organise monitoring tasks as required.
- To collect information on the sites, their use and misuse.
- Maintain the security and integrity of corporate and other data sets with due regard to relevant legislation.

Project monitoring includes onsite visitor surveys, maintaining and collecting data from remote people counting sensors across a suite of sights and car park transects to identify trends in numbers visiting heathland sites.

About You

The successful candidate will demonstrate:



- A qualification or experience in working in the natural environment or a related field
- Excellent communication skill showing diplomacy and tact – verbal and written
- Experience surveying and mapping
- The ability to working outdoors in all weathers
- The ability to plan and manage own work programme
- The ability to work on own and as part of a team
- IT skills in basic software such as Word and Excel
- Knowledge and experience of social media
- An awareness of Health & Safety policies
- The ability to fulfil physical requirements of the role
- A First Aid qualification (desirable)
- The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English.

Travel Requirements

This role involves regular travel across the partnership area. You will need access to a suitable vehicle (or alternative transport approved by the council) on most working days to carry out your duties. A shared vehicle will also be available.

Other information

Fixed term post, 22.5 hours per week until 31st March 2028

The successful candidate will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

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