

**WOODLAND ESTATE WORKER. PART TIME (3 days per week or equivalent) for a fixed term until 31 March 2022**

**SALARY**

£ 18,367 pro rata (i.e £11,020 Actual salary at 3 days per week) depending on experience of appointee.

**Buxton Civic Association** are seeking a woodland estate assistant for the 160 acres of conservation and amenity woodland (in ten woods) to support **BCA's stronger roots project: Regeneration and healing in Buxton's community woods**. The project is funded by DEFRA and delivered by the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Based in the historic town of Buxton, situated on the edge of the Peak District National Park. You will be part of a team starting to regenerate BCA's ten community woodlands, our Country Park and SSSI and building on our experience of people turning to BCA's nine community woodlands, our Country Park and SSSI during the Covid-19 lockdown. Their appreciation of and need for our sites highlighted the urgency of our work in nature care and nature conservation. This project will accelerate that, enabling us to reach more people faster, whilst starting to tackle the issues caused by responding to the ash dieback crisis. With our partners and the community, we will create flourishing woodlands with enhanced biodiversity and build ecological, social and economic resilience.

Buxton Civic Association (BCA) Is Buxton's leading environmental charity

**DUTIES OF POSTHOLDER**

**Assist the work of the BCA Woodland Manager as regards his work in the woods.**

This may include assisting with:

- Tree felling, removal of diseased trees, clearing brash and creating habitat stacks
- Brush cutting by mechanical means, mowing and woodland glade maintenance
- Boundary repairs, walling and fencing.
- Footpath maintenance
- Health and safety tree monitoring
- Assisting tree contractors to facilitate safe working practice

**General wardening**



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Patrolling woods – be a BCA presence, talking to and helping users.

Litter picking – including using vehicle to remove litter from site.

Help Respond to incidents e.g. camping, vandalism.

Help respond to accidents in wood – first aid, transport etc. Providing emergency first aid to any user of the woods needing it and maintaining records of any such incidents

### **Educational /community use of woods**

Assist with an annual programme of interpretative events in the woods.

Help lead guided walks / events as required.

If required, assist local schools and Forest Schools in the educational use of the woods.

If needed, assist the Stronger Roots Woodland Community Engagement Officer in running community events in the woods.

### **Supervision of volunteer tasks in the woods**

Help lead a regular programme of conservation volunteer tasks in the woods.

Help carry out risk assessments prior to each task.

### **Contractors**

Assist contractors to provide health and safety measures, e.g. path closures. Clearing and brashing tree material.

### **Vehicle and machinery maintenance**

Help maintain all woodland management tools (including power tools) and arrange for their servicing when necessary.

Help maintain all necessary safety clothing and equipment.

**Training** will be provided, either in-house or external, as needed and at the discretion of the Manager.

It is envisaged that the post holder will be given on the job training for any tasks that he / she has not had previous experience or training in.

We are looking for a practical and versatile individual who is willing to learn. Ideally they will have some hands on knowledge and experience of conservation and amenity woodland management and to be used to working In a team.



If you are interested in applying for this job, please download and complete the application form (AF) send an email along with your CV to [communications@buxtoncivicasociation.org.uk](mailto:communications@buxtoncivicasociation.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



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