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'Partnerships for Nature' Ranger, Bucklebury Common



We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic Ranger to support nature recovery on Bucklebury Common, an area of 350ha which forms part of the privately owned Bucklebury Estate, West Berkshire.

'Partnerships for Nature' Ranger - Species Survival Fund (Fixed Term)

Salary: £28,000 - £30,000 depending on experience

Hours: Full-time, 37 hours per week

Contract: Fixed-term to 28th February 2026

Closing date: 20th June 2024

Bucklebury Common and Partnerships for Nature

The once-healthy heathland habitat is now dominated by secondary birch woodland. Management of the heath and veteran trees alongside the reintroduction of grazing will help restore the valuable heathland and wood pasture habitats and their associated wildlife.

This project is part of the Partnerships for Nature (P4N) programme led by the North Wessex Downs National Landscape and is funded by Defra's Species Survival Fund. The fund was developed by Defra and its Arm's-Length Bodies. It is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency. See [Partnerships for Nature](#).

The role

This new post is a key part of the P4N delivery, initially until February 2026. It requires:

- Organising and delivering a practical work programme to enhance and expand the largest and most significant area of heathland in the North Wessex Downs.
- Overseeing the introduction and husbandry of conservation grazing with traditional breed cattle in a wood pasture environment.
- Liaising with contractors, members of the community and the general public.
- Motivating and building a volunteer 'Friends of Bucklebury Common' network.

We are looking for someone with

- Significant experience in applied land management and practical conservation who can make a lasting contribution in a tight timescale.
- Experience of managing contractors, delivering practical work safely in a timely manner, and working with volunteers.
- All the necessary practical certificates (chainsaw, first-aid, trailer, etc.)

- The ability to manage your workload well, report effectively, and work to the landowner and funder's requirements.

Overall, someone with initiative, who is self-sufficient, motivated, hard working with good communication skills and a sense of humour.

For the right person, this will be a very rewarding post with the opportunity to use your skills to make a real impact on nature recovery, inform local people and gain invaluable experience.

The Job Description and Person Specification can be found here:

www.sundewecology.co.uk/bucklebury-common

For an informal conversation about this job, please contact Alasdair Jones-Perrott ajp@buckleburyestate.com or phone 07464 178752

To apply, send your CV with a covering letter explaining why you are suitable for the role to: office@buckleburyestate.com marked: 'Bucklebury Estate - P4N Ranger application'.