

Whitbourne Estate

Dial House • Whitbourne • Worcester WR6 5SG

VACANCY: General estate worker

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for an exceptional candidate to join the estate team working for the Head of Forestry and Amenity at Whitbourne Estate. The estate comprises nearly 1400 acres of mixed farm land, forestry, property and various leisure interests.

Whitbourne Estate has diversified into several new business streams in the past few years and is likely to continue to evolve. This vacancy is an opportunity for an experienced estate worker interested in helping shape the modernisation of a dynamic, but traditional estate environment.

Job description

1. Installing of estate fencing, both stock fencing and amenity work
2. Hedge trimming and hedge laying in line with various Countryside Stewardship schemes
3. General farm assistance including stock work and tractor driving
4. Delivering stock to abattoir or market in line with farm and restaurant needs
5. Assist head forester in carrying out all practical forestry tasks
6. Be involved in maintaining the Estate's machinery
7. Assist in the Estate's retail firewood business including forwarding, splitting and delivering locally
8. Work as part of the overall estate team – contributing skills and practical help to the shooting enterprise, the home farm, the Care Farm and general estate amenity.
9. Assist in related forestry operations such as ride maintenance, and culvert management

Skills and experience

1. Proven experience in fencing
2. Clean driving licence and own transport essential
3. CS30, CS30.1 and felling tickets desirable
4. PA1, PA6 and strimming & brush cutting tickets desirable
5. Experience of tractor driving, trailer towing and use of winch desirable
6. Forwarder driving experience would be desirable
7. Basic training in forestry or countryside management desirable
8. First aid training desirable.
9. Good level of physical fitness is essential.
10. Enthusiasm to be self-sufficient and hardworking
11. Strong customer service skills

Terms

- Competitive salary and enrolment to the company pension scheme
- If required, a 3 bedroom estate cottage could be made available as part of the benefits package
- Probationary period may be offered before appointment
- Appointment commencing as soon as possible
- The successful applicant will be asked to undergo an enhanced DBS check
- Closing date for applications: Tuesday 30th April 2019

Apply with a covering letter, CV and references to:

Bridget Vaughan, Estate Secretary, Whitbourne Estate, Dial House, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5SG

Applications by email welcome: bridget@whitbourneestate.co.uk