



Whitbourne Estate

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VACANCY: General Estate Maintenance Worker

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for an exceptional candidate to join our team as a General Maintenance Worker. Whitbourne estate comprises nearly 1400 acres of mixed farm land, forestry, property and various leisure interests.

The estate has diversified into several new business streams in the past few years, the most major undertaking being Crumplebury, a new hotel, restaurant and events facility. The estate will continue to evolve and will focus particularly on environmental and sustainability projects in the coming years.

This vacancy is an opportunity for an experienced and highly practical estate worker to be part of a core team implementing the modernisation of a dynamic, but traditional estate environment.

Job description

The job holder will regularly be “pulled” between departments spending one day working in the gardens of Crumplebury, and the next fixing a leaking roof in an estate cottage. The role promises to be highly varied and will rely on a high degree of self-motivation and problem solving.

Specific aspects of the role will include, but not be limited to:

1. Responsibility for the regular maintenance and upkeep of Crumplebury to include mowing, hedge-trimming and gardening. It will also include some aspects of internal maintenance such as painting.
2. Responsibility for keeping the biomass heating system online including some maintenance tasks (training will be provided).
3. On an ad hoc basis, you may be asked to support with Crumplebury events, (for example setting-up outdoor seating areas and moving furniture).
4. A significant proportion of your time will be spent installing new and repairing existing estate fencing and gates, both stock fencing and amenity work. In addition, the estate has plans to plant several thousand metres of new hedgerows in the coming years.
5. Maintenance and cleaning of external signage.

6. Basic property maintenance and repairs of estate cottages
7. Other general estate maintenance (mowing, strimming etc) and upkeep of footpaths.
8. Weir maintenance and brook clearance both working individually, and as part of the wider estate forestry team.
9. Repairing potholes as needed.
10. Basic mini-digger driving to maintain culverts and ditches around the estate.
11. To comply with company policy and legislation at all times, including all health and safety procedures.

Skills and experience

Essential

1. Proven experience in general property maintenance
2. Experience of tractor driving and trailer towing
3. Experience in installing high quality estate and stock fencing
4. Clean driving licence and own transport
5. Good level of physical fitness
6. Enthusiasm to be self-sufficient and hardworking
7. Strong sense of team comradery and an positive “muck-in” attitude

Desirable

1. Plumbing, electrical and building skills would be desirable
2. Knowledge of first aid desirable
3. Chainsaw and strimming tickets desirable
4. Loadall driving tickets desirable
5. Agricultural machinery servicing knowledge desirable

Terms

- Reporting directly to the estate manager and owner, but with a view to working within the various departments including Crumblebury, forestry and farm at various times
- Competitive salary based on experience, plus enrolment to the company pension scheme
- Probationary period will 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: Friday 19th June 2020

Apply with a covering letter, CV and references to:

- Bridget Vaughan, Estate Secretary, Dial House, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5SG
- Applications by email welcome: jobs@whitbourneestate.co.uk