

Wilder East Cleveland Officer

Location: Based at the Margrove Heritage Centre and working with communities in East Cleveland

Salary: £23,100 *pro rata* (£13,860 for 0.6 FTE)

Contract type: Fixed-term 2 years

Working hours: 3 days / 22.5 hrs p.w.

About the project

Wild at the Edges will engage local communities in nature recovery in East Cleveland.

East Cleveland is a diverse area of farmland, coast, moorland edge and deep, incised wooded valleys. It has a scattering of villages with roots in the areas industrial past, and often affected by rural deprivation. To create a Nature Recovery Network through East Cleveland, we need to improve connectivity through this environment. We need to understand how field edges, road verges, streams and hedges can work better as ecologically rich edge habitats and what each can do to make a lasting difference for wildlife.

The project will engage communities in exploring and recording the wildlife of different edge and border habitats, leading to a better understanding of their value and function and identifying ways that they might be better managed and restored to recover nature across the wider landscape.

If successful, it will create a pilot study which supports and informs this national policy approach, giving a benefit to nature recovery beyond East Cleveland.

The project builds on the momentum of our East Cleveland Barn Owl Nest Box Network project, which has engaged with multiple landowners on measures to support populations of this iconic farmland bird. We have developed good relationships and trust to help us support landowners to take other and more complex wildlife management measures.

The project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Who we are

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust is part of the influential UK-wide partnership of 46 Wildlife Trusts. We have worked for more than 40 years to protect wildlife and wild places, and educate, influence and empower people. We manage 15 Nature Reserves and help others to manage their countryside sites. Our work is helping to secure the future of many important habitats and species, which might otherwise be lost.

About you

We are looking for someone with an interest in the environment, who is highly personable, passionate, and organised. Someone who is committed to supporting community powered change and facilitating local people to act for nature.

This role will enable you to make a real difference to nature's recovery and to be part of our vision to protect 30% of land and sea for wildlife by 2030 and to help us reach the objective of 1 in 4 people taking action for wildlife.

We are looking for someone who is willing to take responsibility and show courage and integrity. If you feel this is the role for you then we look forward to hearing from you.

To apply for the position of Wilder East Cleveland Officer, please complete the Application Form from <https://www.teeswildlife.org/who-we-are/jobs/> in full and return it to info@teeswildlife.org

Please note, we will not accept a CV instead of a completed application form.

Closing date: 27th June 5.00pm 2022

If you require further information regarding any aspect of the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Jeremy Garside on 01287 636382

Interviews will be held on Friday 8th July 2022

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JOB DESCRIPTION

IDENTIFICATION OF JOB

Working base: East Cleveland / Margrove Heritage Centre

Responsible to: People and Wildlife Manager

Responsible for: Volunteers and trainees

OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE JOB

Develop and lead on the Wildlife at the Edges project, managing the project budget and delivering against agreed project outputs. To engage communities in exploring and recording the wildlife of different edge and border habitats, leading to a better understanding of their value and function and identifying ways that they might be better managed and restored to recover nature across the wider landscape.

Main Responsibilities

- Develop and deliver a programme of engagement opportunities with communities in East Cleveland, working particularly to ensure these reach audiences who are new to natural heritage.
- Support and advise landowners and managers to develop ways of improving land for biodiversity in East Cleveland
- Work with the Trusts volunteer coordinator to develop volunteering opportunities.
- Participate in further training and development activities as required and assist with the training and development of colleagues and volunteers.
- Record and provide appropriate data, evaluation and reports on the project to the Tees Wildlife Trust and the National Lottery Heritage Fund as required.
- Comply with the policies and procedures of the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, particularly with regard to Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults.
- In order for the organisation to work effectively you may be requested to assist with other areas of work appropriate to your skills and experience, as requested by your line manager.

WILDER EAST CLEVELAND OFFICER – *Person Specification*

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
Qualifications	Degree level education in an appropriate discipline	Driving licence
Experience	<p>2 years' working (paid or voluntary) in nature conservation or community projects</p> <p>Leading and supporting community activities, events and or wildlife surveys</p> <p>Engaging and building capacity in communities</p> <p>Use of ICT and social media</p>	<p>Work on natural environment issues</p> <p>Project and budget management, delivering grant funded work</p> <p>Officer-level work with a range of partners.</p> <p>Use of web and social media to recruit and engage volunteers and other new audiences</p>
Personal Attributes	<p>Enthusiasm and knowledge of wildlife, nature conservation and environmental issues</p> <p>Good organisational skills</p> <p>Effective communicator, both written and orally</p> <p>Effective team member</p> <p>Able to work on own initiative</p>	