



THE BARN OWL TRUST
Assistant Conservation Officer vacancy
Additional Information

The Barn Owl Trust is a small registered charity based at Ashburton in Devon. It is the only national charity dedicated to Barn Owl conservation. The Trust's aims are conservation of the Barn Owl and its environment. The main areas of work are the provision of information, practical and advisory fieldwork, owl rehabilitation, education and research. In addition we run a small sanctuary. More information is available on our website:
www.barnowltrust.org.uk

Principal activities

- Support and assist the Head of Conservation and Senior Conservation Officer
- Deal with general enquiries by email, telephone, post and in person
- Extensive database use, data recording and report writing
- Nestbox erection and maintenance, site enhancement
- Reading and research to develop and maintain knowledge of Barn Owl ecology and conservation (most of this will need to be done in your own time)
- Website content creation and updates using WordPress
- General practical work including woodwork
- Land management tasks on the Trusts 26 acre site
- Contract and project work
- Liaise with and advise landowners and the general public
- Survey work, site inspections,
- Represent the Trust at events and meetings
- Liaise with statutory authorities and NGOs as required
- Organisation and overseeing of volunteers
- Checking of vehicles and equipment
- Handling of owls in rehabilitation and sanctuary environment
- Presentations to School/Youth Groups (occasional)
- Any other duties as required

Key skills

- Keen interest in Barn Owls and an eagerness to learn
- Degree in a conservation related field or extensive experience
- Knowledge of farming and farm wildlife (especially birds)
- Knowledge of Health & Safety principals & practice
- Resourceful, flexible and able to develop practical solutions to problems
- Ability to work alone or as part of a team
- Experience/knowledge of natural history and conservation
- Well motivated and organised with an ability to work well under pressure and to deadlines

- Good communication skills both oral and written
- Good inter-personal skills
- Computer literacy to facilitate data recording, report writing and correspondence
- Practical skills, including experience in wood working & general DIY, ladder work, head for heights
- Reliable record keeping
- Able to follow instructions accurately
- Clean current driving licence, happy to spend considerable time driving
- Working at height and trailer towing certificates desirable

Any necessary training will be given. The post holder will undertake a mix of office-based duties and fieldwork.