

Wadhurst Park

Conservation Farming & Forestry Traineeship

We are offering an exciting traineeship to work alongside our busy Estate team in the East Sussex High Weald. We are looking for a motivated, hardworking, and flexible trainee to work as part of a small team managing the land for conservation and wildlife. You should have a keen interest in conservation, regenerative farming, and livestock. The work will be varied: helping with our cattle, sheep, and pigs, along with a variety of land management tasks such as traditional coppice, fencing and hedge planting.

The traineeship will run for 18 months, beginning September 2025, and is a great opportunity to learn a wide range of skills on a well-equipped estate. The role is full time, Monday to Friday 07.30 – 16.00. There will be occasional overtime required during busy periods and night working during the lambing/calving season.

The traineeship would suit someone living locally with their own transport. The role is physically demanding, and you will be required to work outdoors in all weather.

Experience gained:

- Livestock management
- Handling cattle, sheep, and pigs - general livestock welfare, calving, and lambing
- Using Nofence technology; understanding /using herd management apps
- White stork husbandry
- Administering medicines
- General conservation farming and forestry tasks
- Haymaking, wildflower meadow management, and creation
- Tree and hedge planting
- Ride and glade maintenance
- Coppicing, brash management, and dead hedge construction

Formal Training Provided:

- First Aid
- Side-by-side ATV (all-terrain vehicles)
- Tractor driving
- Chainsaw Maintenance, cross-cutting, felling
- Brush-cutting
- Rough Terrain Telescopic Handler

In-house training:

- Livestock management and husbandry
- Wildflowers, shrubs, and tree ID
- Bird, butterfly, dragonfly ID
- Basic theory of landscape restoration
- Scything
- Conservation and landscape revival

Remuneration

£12.60 per hour (£26,208 full time salary) + overtime during busy periods

Closing Date: 22/06/2025 Location: Wadhurst, East Sussex

For more information and to apply <https://www.countryside-jobs.com/job/jun25/conservation-farming-and-forestry-traineeship-wadhurst-park-1305-1>