

Projects Officer

JOB TITLE:	Projects Officer, GWCT Allerton Project
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:	Full time, permanent
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Assistant Manager
LOCATION:	Allerton Project, Loddington
HOURS OF WORK:	Full time, 37.5 hours per week over 5 days. Annual leave allowance is 22 days plus public holidays.
SALARY:	£26-30K depending on experience

Job Purpose

We are seeking a competent and driven individual to coordinate and lead GWCT's work on a range of external projects. The Projects Officer will work closely with the Assistant Manager to develop and deliver knowledge exchange activities on key projects. This will include working with farmers, supply chain, wider GWCT and advisors to deliver tools, training and networking opportunities to spread the message of regenerative farming in the industry.

This is a pivotal and exciting role as the Allerton Project develops its relationships and offering to provide practical science-based solutions to farmers. The individual will need to enjoy working with people, travel and a varied role. The ideal person for the job will have an agricultural or environmental science background with a passion for wildlife and will be the GWCT's external lead on development, promotion and advocacy of practitioner monitoring.

Partnerships

The successful applicant will be expected to work with key partners which include:

- Nestle

- Horizon 2020 European Partners
- Grain merchants and other supply chain stakeholders
- Farmers
- Wider GWCT (Advisory and Natural Capital Advisory, Environmental Farmers Groups and Comms team)

Our vision

The Allerton Research & Educational Trust (ARET) aka The Allerton Project is a nationally important research and demonstration farm that researches the effects of different farming methods on wildlife and the environment, sharing results of our research through advisory and educational activities. Much of this is undertaken on our 320-hectare demonstration farm based in Leicestershire, with outreach activities also carried out on-line and elsewhere.

We identify management that delivers multiple benefits for our rural landscape. Our work covers natural capital accounting, Environmental Land Management and regenerative farming systems. From soil and water to woodland and farmland habitats that increase biodiversity, our aim is to develop farming and land management systems that are resilient to economic and environmental shocks. Our own research team collaborates with other research organisations and co-supervises numerous PhD and MSc projects.

Visitors to the Project include businesses, policy makers, non-government organisations, regulators, farmers, advisors, students and schools. We have several initiatives that involve the local community to help improve a shared understanding of agricultural and environmental issues. In essence, the Allerton Project is an award winning, pioneering blueprint for future rural landscapes. Arable cropping and livestock enterprises sit alongside woodland, wetland and other environmental habitats. The Project is noted for developing scientifically validated solutions to a range of agricultural and land management conflicts, including wildlife, game management, soil health, carbon accounting and water quality. We are leaders or partners in many public and privately funded initiatives with a number of international corporations as our clients.

The Allerton Project has a well-established environmentally sustainable training and visitor facility attracting over 2,000 delegates and visitors a year. The project delivers comprehensive training programme such as the BASIS Certificate in Sustainable Land Management as well as numerous bespoke packages.

Who will you be working with?

Key members of The Allerton Project Team

- Alice Midmer (Assistant Manager)

- Alastair Leake (Project Director)
- Joe Stanley (Head of Training and Partnerships)
- Roger Dracott (Natural Capital Advisory)
- James Swyer (Head of Comms, GWCT)
- Environmental Farmers Group
- Data scientist

Key Accountabilities and Responsibilities

1	Co-ordination of the Climate Neutral Farms project, specifically organising the farmer network, activities, progress, communications, data collection and events.
2	Work with European partners and Nestle to ensure the Climate Neutral Farms project is reaching desired goals and outcomes and report on these as required.
3	Be responsible for the project budget and reporting against this
4	Creation of materials for project work, including case studies and profiling. Opportunities to share work with the wider European Project team and complementing other training materials.
5	Travel and attend, as well as host European project meetings and events as required.
6	Work with Nestle and Allerton to develop the legacy of the Climate Neutral Farms project
7	Be key point of contact and coordinator for ongoing Allerton and Nestle partnership, working with the team to deliver training, networks and events
8	Responsible for external promotion of GWCT Practitioner Monitoring initiatives
9	Liaising with GWCT Data Engineers and scientists
10	Developing partnerships with external conservation NGOs
11	Development of initiatives in collaboration with working conservationists
12	Practitioner Monitoring Communications in collaboration with MMC dept
13	Knowledge exchange and communications lead for Innovate UK Decarbonising Agriculture Project
14	Develop and deliver new and existing projects and partnerships covering carbon, biodiversity and regenerative farming

Person Specification

1	Strong communication and engagement skills working with multiple colleagues and external stakeholders.	Essential
2	Strong personal time management and able to work with minimal supervision	Essential
3	A team player; approachable, flexible, engaging, enthusiastic and welcoming to all.	Essential
4	A strong organiser with the ability to plan and prioritise multiple projects within tight deadlines.	Essential
5	Flexible working ethos with the ability to “pivot” within tasks in a very fast moving role.	Essential
6	Engaging and capable of managing social events and meetings	Essential
7	Ability to write good quality reports and articles	Essential
8	Experience of working in the agricultural and/or agricultural sector	Essential
9	University degree in agriculture or relevant subject	Essential
10	Genuine interest in regenerative farming and improving uptake and communicating this with others	Essential
11	Experience of dealing with external suppliers and a wide range of stakeholders.	Preferable
12	Experience and knowledge of wildlife monitoring /ID skills	Preferable