

Knowsley Safari Foundation

RSRN Community Engagement Officer

RECRUITMENT PACK OCTOBER 2025



THE ROLE

Job title:	RSRN Community Engagement Officer
Location:	Knowsley Safari
Report to:	Research and Conservation Coordinator
Hours of work:	1950 hours per annum (based on an average of 37.5 hours p/w)
Contract Type:	This is a fixed term contract until September 2029

This job has been designed to give a clear definition of the role, but it is hoped that the employee will seek to develop the role to the best of their ability and that the role can and will be developed to make full use of their potential.

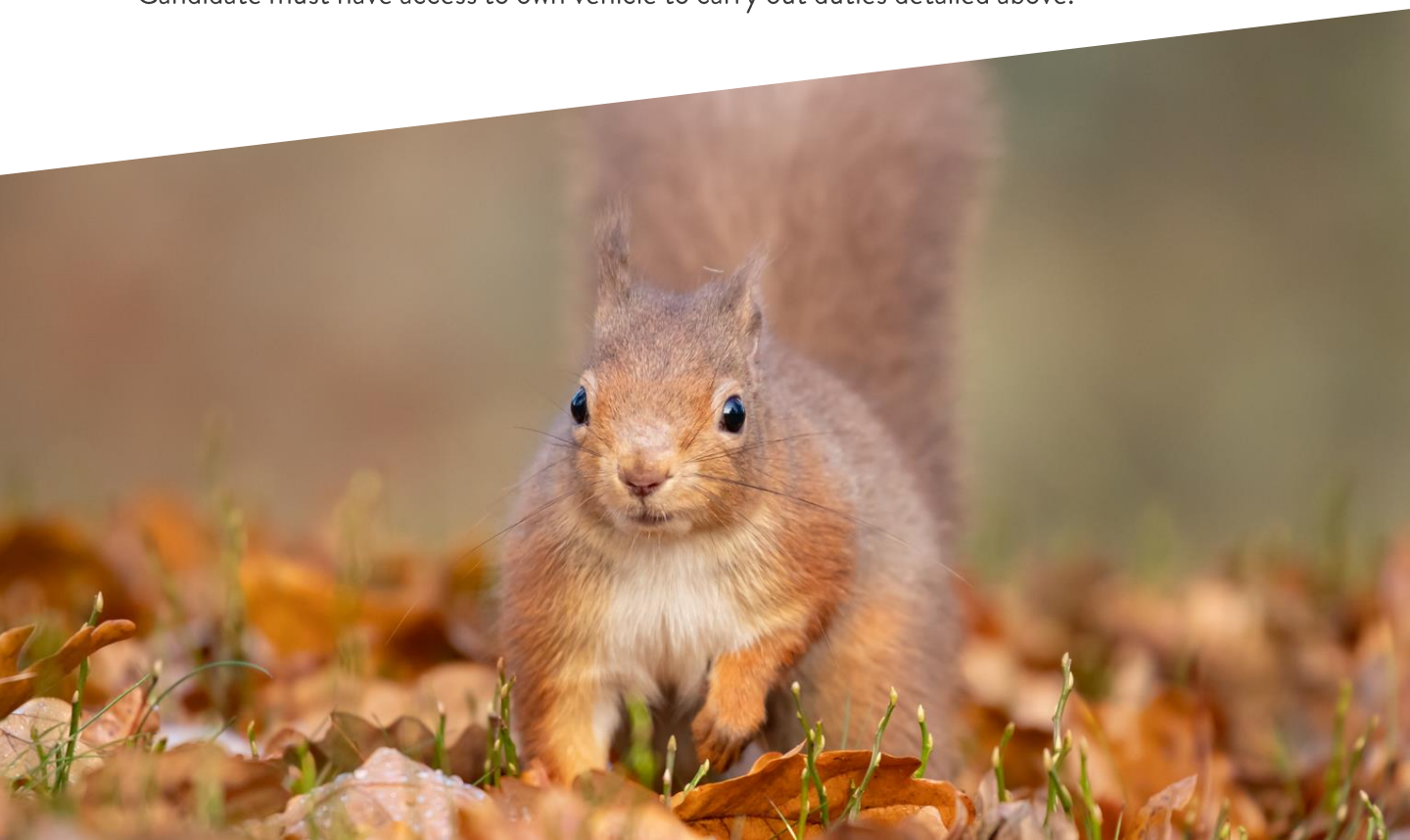
Purpose of the role

Our mission at the Knowsley Safari Foundation is to have a long-term positive impact on our environment and communities by integrating people and nature. This role, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is designed to connect the local community to our natural heritage as part of a wider conservation project, The Red Squirrel Recovery Network (RSRN) aiming to see red squirrels (*Sciurus vulgaris*) return to the Knowsley Estate and the surrounding areas. The post holder will raise awareness to the importance of red squirrel conservation and coordinate the volunteer programme, giving the community an opportunity to reconnect with their natural heritage.

Main Tasks and Duties

- Lead the development, planning and delivery of a new community engagement programme in the project area, focused on red squirrel conservation, connecting communities to nature, improving wellbeing and the conservation of other native species.
- Develop and deliver red squirrel and broader native species conservation-based sessions to schools and community groups within the project area.
- Maintain partnerships with external organisations (including those of a conservation/environmental basis and those less traditional such as arts and culture) and create mutually beneficial programmes, within the project area.
- Aid in recruiting volunteers and directing them to humane grey squirrel control projects, as led by the Red Squirrel Ranger and Control Ranger, as well as other project volunteering opportunities, e.g. monitoring transects.
- Work with, coordinate and support volunteers to effectively deliver aspects of our engagement and conservation program.

- Work alongside the Red Squirrel Ranger and Control Ranger to effectively support coordination and recruitment of volunteers for a community loan trap scheme and squirrel population monitoring programme outside the estate boundary.
- Assist with data collection and produce regular project reports which evaluate the success of the community engagement and volunteer programmes.
- Manage program delivery within budget parameters as assigned.
- Provide regular updates and content for social media channels, RSRN partners and the Knowsley Safari Foundation website.
- Contribute to organisation and project effectiveness by working closely with other teams as required.
- Attend team meetings and briefings as required as part of RSRN, Knowsley Safari Foundation & Stanley Enterprise.
- Embrace and positively promote the Knowsley Safari Foundations mission, strategic objectives and values through the development of departmental and personal objectives.
- Ensure the cleanliness and maintenance of all training spaces, equipment and department resources, as well as company vehicles and areas where external training may be held.
- Ensure all items of value are secured effectively including artefacts and AV equipment.
- Ensure that the Knowsley Safari Foundation is seen as an educational and conservation driven resource.
- Ensure that all health and safety procedures are understood and adhered to.
- perform any other reasonable task or duty as directed by his or her supervisor.
- Candidate must have access to own vehicle to carry out duties detailed above.



THE PERSON

The successful candidate will have the following characteristics, skills, and qualifications:

- Enjoy talking to people of all ages, with the ability to engage confidently with individuals from a range of different backgrounds and communities.
- Experience in a guest facing role – this could include a zoo, museum, school or hospitality setting.
- Knowledge of UK native species (including red squirrels) and relevant conservation-related topics is preferential.
- Given the multi-faceted nature of the role, adaptability and good organisational skills are required.
- Ideally you will have a full driving licence.



HOW TO APPLY

Please send your CV to recruitment@knowsley.com

At Knowsley Estate we support sustainable practices, to support us in this, we ask that all applications are completed electronically and sent in by email.

However, where email is unavailable, please post to:
Human Resources, Knowsley Safari, Prescott, Merseyside, L34 4AN.

Role Advertised	Thursday 09 October 2025
Application Closing Date	Sunday 26 October 2025
Interview Date(s)	Wednesday 05 November 2025

