



RECLAIMING REDS
KNOWSLEY

Recruitment Pack
Traineeship



JANUARY 2022

THE ROLE

Job title:	Reclaiming Reds Traineeship
Location:	Knowsley Safari Foundation
Report to:	Research and Conservation Officer
Hours of work:	585 hours (based on an average of 22.5 hours p/w over 6 months)

This description has been designed to give a clear definition of the work placement, but it is hoped that the successful applicant will seek to develop the role to the best of their ability and utilise the experience given to develop their personal skills and create opportunities.

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. The project “Reclaiming Reds”, funded by the National Lottery Fund, is designed to connect the local community to our natural heritage as part of a wider conservation project aiming to see Red Squirrels (*Sciurus vulgaris*) return to the Knowsley Estate and the surrounding areas within Merseyside. The successful candidate for this work placement will have the opportunity to aid in raising awareness to the importance of red squirrel conservation giving the community an opportunity to reconnect with their natural heritage.

Traineeship Objectives

Through this work traineeship you will:

- Receive training and gain a broad experience of nature conservation work.
- Develop conservation, practical wildlife management and ecological monitoring methods and techniques.
- Develop skills in planning and delivery of events and education sessions.
- Gain experience in data input and basic analysis
- Improve organisation and planning capabilities
- Improve teamwork and communication skills

You will have the opportunity to:

- Support the Reclaiming Reds Community and Control Rangers when recruiting and training volunteers in humane grey squirrel control, community outreach, research methods and administration.
- Support the Reclaiming Reds Control Ranger in deploying and collecting in traps, and the humane control of grey squirrels.
- Support the Reclaiming Reds Control Ranger in utilising hair traps and camera traps to increase the efficiency of trapping.
- Support the Reclaiming Reds Community and Control Rangers when recruiting and training volunteers in humane grey squirrel control, community outreach, research methods and administration.
- Assist the Reclaiming Reds Control Ranger in collecting geographical and ecological data.
- Assist the Reclaiming Reds Community Ranger in collecting community engagement data.
- Assist the Reclaiming Reds Community and Control Rangers with data input and basic data analysis which will allow for regular reports evaluating the success of the project.
- Assist with the preparation of activity resources for community engagement.
- Assist with production of branded information, resource packs and promotional materials.
- Attend team meetings and briefings as required.
- Represent the Knowsley Safari Foundation as an ambassador of the Reclaiming Reds project.
- Embrace and positively promote the Knowsley Safari Foundations mission, strategic objectives, and values through the development of departmental and personal objectives.
- 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.
- To perform any other reasonable task or duty as directed by his or her supervisor.



THE PERSON

Essential Criteria

- An individual looking for work experience in a conservation related field
- An enthusiasm and passion for wildlife and conservation.
- Must be comfortable with the project content including the humane dispatch of grey squirrels.
- Willingness to train in humane control techniques.
- Physically able to carry out practical tasks on a daily basis.
- A willingness to learn, develop and undertake training in community engagement.
- High levels of enthusiasm, as well as being confident and outgoing.
- Be approachable, friendly and show tact and diplomacy when dealing with members of the public.
- Must be able to work well as part of a team.
- Must be organised and display flexibility.
- This role is subject to a DBS check.
- Full and clean UK driving licence.

Desirable Criteria

- Previous experience in volunteering, outdoor practical work or working with young people and communities.



HOW TO APPLY

Please send your completed application form along with 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 06 January 2022

Application Closing Date Friday 21 January 2022

Interview Date(s) TBC

