

Volunteers – Landscape Researcher

Role Description

The Sandstone Ridge Trust is looking for volunteers to help improve its understanding of the Sandstone Ridge landscape and how it has changed through time. Gaining insights into the way the landscape has changed in the past is essential to inform the policies and decisions that will shape its future.

If you have an interest in the landscape and how it evolves this could be the role for you. These are exciting times for you to get involved with the Trust – following on from the successful conclusion of *Ridge: Rocks and Springs*, we are midway through another Heritage Lottery funded project in which we are exploring ways to secure the long-term future of the area.

We are looking for volunteers to help with one or more of the following activities

- Sourcing hard and digital copies of historical photographs of the eight landscape types along the Ridge and key landscape features within them
- Seeking permissions to access and use historical photographs
- Identifying the locations of the subject/landscape in the historical photographs
- Going into the field to take digital photographs from the same viewpoints in order to compare and illustrate how the landscape has changed
- Summarise how the landscape of the Sandstone Ridge has changed through time

What attributes/skills do you need?

- An interest in the landscape and landscape change, and the causes of those changes
- Basic knowledge of research processes, including internet based research
- IT literate and proficient in Microsoft packages
- Access to a computer, email and telephone, and possibly a scanner
- Access to a digital camera

How much time do you need to commit?

- The role is flexible and you can give as much or as little time as you want to, but we suggest half a day or a day per week
- We would prefer a minimum commitment of 3 months to the role.

What support will you be given?

- Appropriate support and supervision in your role, including any training required
- You will be responsible to the HLF Transition Project Officer
- Trustees will also be available to give you support, advice and guidance

What benefits can you expect?

- Opportunities to meet new people in your community and working as part of a small team
- Learn new skills and enhance your CV
- You can claim previously agreed out of pocket expenses
- The opportunity to make a difference to our understanding of the Sandstone Ridge, and inform future policy and decision-making

For a chat and to apply for this role please contact info@sandstoneridge.org.uk

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