

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Essex Bridleways Association

Projects and Funding Officer

Essex Bridleways Association, a long-established charity, wishes to appoint a person to carry out work that will culminate in enhancement and improvement of the amount of off-road riding available to horse riders in Essex.

The successful applicant will help us to progress projects and seek possible sources of funding to secure our aims.

The rôle will entail:

1. Working on EBA projects and seeking to progress them through to a successful conclusion. You will be given a programme of projects with priorities attached; projects arise from the EBA committee, membership and possibly other sources.
2. Liaising with relevant bodies e.g. Essex County Council highways (PRoW) officers, City of London (Epping Forest), Epping Forest Riders Association, Essex Local Access Forum, contractors etc.
3. Liaising with other EBA officers and area representatives as necessary to ensure all are working to the same ends, no duplication etc.
4. Creating new bridleway routes through negotiation with landowners.
5. In conjunction with our Bridleways Development Officer, following up potential new bridleway schemes with various bodies such as Essex County Council, local planning authorities, Natural England, Sustrans etc.
6. Seeking and applying for funding/grant opportunities from a variety of sources to support EBA's activities.

Experience of dealing with small-to-medium projects, and of obtaining funding/grants, would be helpful. A high degree of self-organisation, motivation and the ability to work on your own initiative are required. Essential skills include tenacity and the desire to reach a successful conclusion to a project, good communication and negotiating skills including sensitivity where necessary, confidence in making approaches to people, and ability to play the long game as some of these projects will not be quick wins and there may be setbacks along the way. You need not be a horse rider but an understanding of the needs of horses and riders would be helpful. Some knowledge of Public Rights of Way would assist you. You will need to be able to access all areas of Essex in order to view the sites that you will be working on; in addition to this, you may need to travel considerable distances along Public Rights of Way (PRoW) to assess projects etc.

There are no set parameters for the terms of engagement, although this will be a part-time and temporary position, and we would be happy to discuss timescales and rates of pay with the successful applicant. It is intended that the work will be carried out on a self employed basis under contract and these arrangements will be part of the discussions that ensue with the interested applicants.

Depending on the Covid restrictions in place at the time, we may need to hold interviews virtually, either by Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Applications, including some information about yourself and what you can bring to the rôle, by midnight on Sunday 14 March 2021 to:

Louise Fuller by email louiserfuller@hotmail.com (don't miss the "r" in the middle). Please request a "read receipt" so you are sure your email has been safely received.