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**Application Pack**

**Conservation Projects Manager (Species Recovery)**

**Maternity Cover**

**Advertised June 2025**

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**About the Bumblebee Conservation Trust**

Bumblebees are ‘keystone’ pollinators, integral to our natural environment, and providing significant economic benefits through the pollination of crops. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust was established in May 2006 in response to ongoing declines in many bumblebee species, due primarily to habitat loss through agricultural intensification. Since the early 1900s, two species have become nationally extinct whilst populations of several others have crashed dramatically. Over one third of social bumblebee species are now regarded as species of principal importance under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework.

In short, our bumblebees are in crisis and need our help. We have a vision of a world where bumblebees are thriving and valued by everyone. We are leading the fight to secure their future. Guided by the latest science, we carry out research, influence environmental policy, and conserve and create bumblebee-friendly habitats. We inspire people and organisations to take action for our precious bumblebees, working together to help them thrive.

For more information about our work, visit our website (<https://bumblebeeconservation.org>).

 **Our values**

The Trust recognises that our goals are met through the commitment and dedication of all our employees. The strength of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust lies in our ability to share a common set of values which both inspire and guide us.

* Passion: we are here to do our best for bumblebees and promote our pride, spirit and values through our work.
* **Valuing and Developing people:** we aim to create a safe, supportive, enjoyable but challenging working environment. We demonstrate respect for skills and expertise across all teams.
* Knowledge: we can demonstrate widespread expertise about the conservation and science of bumblebees.
* Integrity: we will be honest in our work with others, keeping our word and doing the right thing in a reliable way.
* **Team Spirit:** we care about all our team members, ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives and talents, removing barriers, bias and discrimination.

These are the principles we value in our staff.

The values provide a framework for working together effectively across all the offices and remote workers. In every constituent part of the Trust we want our decisions and actions to demonstrate our values. Our values unite us in a common vision.

More than just a collection of words, these values embody the ‘spirit’ of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. They outline how we want our Trust to be, and how we work as one team to deliver the best for bumblebees.

**Why work for us?**

At the Trust we place the highest value on our employees. We believe that recruiting and retaining the right people is fundamental to our success.

We want to protect the interests of every staff member, and create a happy, safe and harmonious working environment. Our benefits package aims to reflect this and includes:

* **Flexible working arrangements** – We offer flexi-time to give you more control over your working hours. You can choose to start late, finish early or extend your lunch to fit your lifestyle.
* **No excess hours culture** - We want all staff to enjoy a good balance between work and personal life and don’t encourage working for long hours.
* **35 days’ paid annual leave** (pro rata for part time) including bank/public holidays with holiday closure between Christmas and New Year.
* **Pension** - 8% employer pension contribution.
* **Transport support** – We offer access to the tax efficient benefits of Cycle to Work scheme and the EV Car Purchase scheme.
* **Well-being support** via our internal Staff Well-being Group, Mental Health First Aiders and an Employee Assistance Programme which offers support 24/7 for all staff.
* **Company sick pay** – Once you have 2 years continuous service, if you are sick in any rolling 12 month period, you can qualify for up to 3 months full pay then 3 months half pay + SSP. In your first and second year, you can qualify for a phased sickpay entitlement.
* **Personal annual training allowance -** to support your skill development
* **Feedback and career development** – regular feedback sessions and a commitment to providing you with the opportunity for personal growth
* **Home working equipment** – we provide the tools that you need to support working from home
* **Enhanced leave** - maternity leave and paternity leave are enhanced above statutory to help you and your family
* **Family emergencies** – 1-2 days full pay for those unexpected situations
* **Compassionate and bereavement leave** – for those difficult times in life, we offer paid bereavement leave
* **Death in Service insurance** - calculated as two times salary.
* **Social connection is encouraged –** enjoy lots of informal opportunities to take part in different activities and get to know your new colleagues.

The Trust is a Real Living Wage Employer. We have a clear Pay Policy which ensures transparency and consistency on how pay is determined and how it will progress over time. The starting annual salary for this post at £19,680 (£28,700 FTE) will be increased to £20,777 (£30,300 FTE) after successful completion of the probationary period (usually six months).

We have a clear goal to be the place where a diverse mix of talented people want to come, to stay and do their best work. We pride ourselves on reaching for our vision – to reverse the decline in bumblebees, through the hard work and dedication of our passionate and creative employees.

If you are interested in joining our passionate and dedicated team, keep reading and follow the instructions on how to apply.

**Job Description**

**Job Title**: Conservation Projects Manager (Species Recovery) (Maternity Cover)

**Salary**: £28,700 FTE per annum (£19,680 pro rata) increasing to £30,300 (£20,777) after successful completion of six month probationary period

**Hours**: This is a part-time role (24 hours per week)

**Contract**: Fixed term for maternity leave cover purposes expected to be 12 months to 30 July 2026

**Location**: Home based in Southern/South West England with frequent travel to Somerset & potentially South Wales.

Job purpose:

* Deliver the Shrill Carder Bee Conservation Strategy 2020-2030 in England and Wales.
* Development of landscape scale conservation projects for Shrill carder bee primarily in South Somerset.
* Raise the profile of this rare and threatened species.
* Support the development and delivery of the Species Recovery Programme

Main responsibilities:

*Coordination of Shrill Carder Bee Conservation Strategy and Steering Group*

* Co-ordinate the Shrill Carder Bee Strategy Steering Group
* Keep up to date records of all strategy elements to inform the monitoring and evaluation.

*Deliver the BBCT actions of the Shrill Carder Bee Conservation Strategy*

* Develop and fund Save Our Shrills project in Somerset working with landowners to secure letters of support, volunteers and potential sponsors of the project.
* Work with local partners to develop ‘Local Implementation Plans’ in the Pembrokeshire population area
* Work with local partners to identify key threats and opportunities
* Develop and support local partnerships
* Capture information about ongoing conservation work for shrill carder bee.
* Support delivery of BBCT lead SCB focused projects in population areas.
* Supporting SCB focused research projects, primarily PhD with University of Cambridge on SCB genetics and European project (Restpoll).

*Raise the profile of the shrill carder bee*

* Raise the profile of the species amongst key partners, landowners and decision makers
* Maintain contact with key landowners and land managers
* Update social media (X) and support MarComms with SCB related stories
* Help to coordinate continued support for volunteers engaged in shrill carder bee habitat management and monitoring including the writing of a quarterly e-newsletter.

Species Recovery Programme

* Support the development and delivery of species recovery projects
* Work with and support job-share to complete any works pertaining to the species recovery programme.

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* Contribute to the overall outputs of the BBCT team and carry out duties with due regard to the well-being and safety of others at all times.
* Undertake any other duties commensurate with the nature of the post as deemed appropriate and by agreement with the CEO.
* Support the development and delivery of the species recovery programme
* Liaise with job-share to ensure efficient and effective working

**Person Specification**

**Essential**

* At least 3 years’ experience within the conservation sector developing and/or delivering projects.
* Understanding of species and habitat management including practical habitat management.
* Ability to communicate with diverse range of individuals particularly landowners and managers. Communicating complex information in a concise and engaging manner.
* Develop strong working relationships with partner organisations maintaining positive relationships with funders through contact and reports.
* Excellent organisational and planning skills.
* An ability to inspire, motivate and work cooperatively with others.
* Good understanding of bumblebees, other pollinators and their habitats.
* Direct practical experience of habitat restoration and management particularly grassland and coastal habitats.
* Ability to use IT applications including- email/internet, Microsoft 365 and basic GIS (preferably QGIS).

**Desirable**

* Experience and/or knowledge of insect and habitat surveying including field and botanical skills, including ability to identify key pollinator forage plants
* A sound understanding of Shrill carder bee ecology and conservation, its habitats and the unique challenges and opportunities for conservation of this species.
* Direct experience of developing funding bids for landscape conservation projects.
* Experience managing staff and/or volunteers

**Work Environment**

* Full Driving license and access to vehicle (driving required of role). If you do not have access to a vehicle, you will need to have access to reliable alternative means of transport.
* Regular prolonged use of computer work station
* Working outdoors in rural environments, often alone and in areas not accessible by vehicle

**Recruitment and Selection Process**

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is an Equal Opportunities employer.  This means that whilst seeking employment or during such employment with the Trust, we will seek to ensure equality of treatment for all persons regardless of sex, race, age, marital or civil partnership status, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity status.

*We recognise that candidates with a disability or from ethnically diverse backgrounds are under-represented in our organisation, and that there are often additional barriers present for people from these groups when applying for roles in the charity sector and beyond. We are committed to taking positive action to expand the diversity of our staff team. If you meet the essential criteria for a role and are disabled or from an ethnically diverse background, you'll be guaranteed a first stage interview. Please just tick the relevant box on our application form.*

*In the event of a high-volume of applicants who tick this box, then selection for guaranteed interview will be those who best meet the essential criteria for the post rather than all of those that meet the minimum criteria, in the same way as we would do for non-disabled and non-ethnically diverse background applicants.*

*It is important to note that this scheme guarantees an interview for candidates who meet or best meet the essential criteria and tell us that they'd like to be considered under the scheme. The selection decision at interview will be based on the most suitable candidate, regardless of any protected characteristic.*

**Use of AI in Candidate Applications:**

We accept that some applicants are using technology to support with writing applications as the use of AI becomes a norm. However, we would like to stress the importance of giving personal examples from your previous experience where possible in your application.

If you are using AI technology, please ensure you still tailor your answers to ensure you are:

* Showing authenticity and your personal voice, a genuine expression of your experiences and aspirations can set you apart from others.
* Tailoring to the specific role and company values.
* Expressing your passion, values and personality - this can be better achieved through your unique communication style.
* Providing specific examples to highlight your ability to problem solve and think through situations.

While AI can be a valuable tool, it is essential to balance these benefits with the need for authenticity and personalisation.

**Pre-employment checks:**

We will require a minimum of two appropriate references and will check original documents proving your qualifications, identity, and right to live and work in the UK before you can start work with us.

You will be asked to complete our Criminal Record Declaration Form. However, a person’s criminal record in itself, will not debar that person from being appointed to a post.

**References:**

Referees should ideally be your present and last employer. They should have had either managerial or supervisory responsibility for your work, and not be colleagues, subordinates or friends. If this is your first employment, a tutor’s reference and a personal reference or similar will be acceptable.

If you have any questions about providing reference details, please contact us.

The Trust will only approach your referees once an offer of employment has been made; they will be provided with a copy of the job description and asked to return a Reference Request Form.

**How we use your personal information:**

The information which we gather from you during the recruitment and selection process is retained and processed in accordance with the provisions set out by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and further to the UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Please note that by submitting an application for employment, you are accepting that you have read and understood our [Data Protection and Privacy Policy for Job Applicants](https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/what-we-do/vacancies/privacy-policy-job-applicants/). If you have any questions about how we use your data, please contact us.

**How to Apply**

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the application form below and return by email to recruitment@bumblebeeconservation.org no later than **12 noon on Monday 30th June 2025**.Applications may close before the deadline, so please apply early to avoid disappointment. You will receive confirmation we have received your application, and we will contact you to let you know if your application is being progressed to the interview stage.

In order to ensure that all applicants are assessed equally and fairly, applications will only be accepted on the form provided. Please do not send CVs.

Interviews are expected to take place on the week commencing **Monday 7th July 2025**.



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| OFFICE USE ONLY- PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL |
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| **PERSONAL INFORMATION** |
| TITLE:  | SURNAME: | FORENAME(S): |
| ADDRESS (including postcode): |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER: |
| EMAIL ADDRESS:  |
| WHERE DID YOU SEE THIS VACANCY ADVERTISED?  |
|  WOULD YOU NEED TO OBTAIN A UK WORK VISA TO WORK FOR US? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)If Yes, please provide further details: |
| DO YOU IDENTIFY AS BEING DISABLED OR FROM AN ETHNICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUND?Yes [ ]  N/A [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)If yes, please provide further details :  |

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| **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** |
| DO YOU HOLD A FULL DRIVING LICENCE?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)ANY ENDORSEMENTS?Yes [ ]  No [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)If you have any endorsements, please give further details including dates:DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR TO USE AT WORK? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  (please tick/double click to select) The duties of this post require the applicant to have a full current driving licence that enables them to drive in the UK. However, the Trust is willing to consider any proposals put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by any other means. If you do not have access to a car, what other means of travel would you propose to use instead? |
| HAVE YOU EVER WORKED FOR THE BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST BEFORE?Yes [ ]  N/A [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)If yes, please provide details here (if not provided below): |

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| **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** |
| *Bumblebee Conservation Trust is an Equal Opportunities employer, and we are committed to expanding the diversity of our staff team through a fair recruitment process free of any discrimination. We ask you to complete this optional, confidential, equal opportunities monitoring survey to aid us in building an accurate picture of the make-up of the staff team and ensuring fair and transparent processes. All information provided will be anonymous and used for statistical purposes in monitoring only and will have no impact on your application.* |
| Please follow this link to the application form: [***https://forms.office.com/e/pdxdLU71mz***](https://forms.office.com/e/pdxdLU71mz) |
| *If you have any questions about the form, please contact Bumblebee Conservation Trust’s recruitment team on:* ***recruitment@bumblebeeconservation.org*** |

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| **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** |
| **PRESENT OR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT** |
| LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THIS EMPLOYER: *(years/months)* |
| JOB TITLE: | ORGANISATION NAME: |
| DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES: |
| SALARY: | FULL TIME [ ]  PART TIME [ ]  (please tick/double click to select)  |
| REASON FOR LEAVING: |
| IF STILL EMPLOYED PLEASE STATE NOTICE PERIOD REQUIRED: |

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| **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT OR RELEVANT VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE***Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary* |
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| **EDUCATION & TRAINING** |
| QUALIFICATIONS:*Please state level and grade obtained* |
| TRAINING COMPLETED: |

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| **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES (if applicable)** |
| NAME OF INSTITUTE/PROFESSIONAL BODY: |
| MEMBERSHIP TYPE:  |

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| **JOB SPECIFIC QUESTIONS***Please provide specific examples of how your skills and experience meet the following essential criteria (150 words maximum per question).*  |
| **Essential criteria 1:** At least 3 years’ experience within the conservation sector developing and/or delivering projects.  |
| **Essential criteria 1 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 2:** Understanding of species and habitat management including practical habitat management. |
| **Essential criteria 2 answer:**  |
| **Essential criteria 3:** Ability to communicate with diverse range of individuals particularly landowners and managers. Communicating complex information in a concise and engaging manner.  |
| **Essential criteria 3 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 4:** Develop strong working relationships with partner organisations maintaining positive relationships with funders through contact and reports.  |
| **Essential criteria 4 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 5:** Excellent organisational and planning skills. |
| **Essential criteria 5 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 6:** An ability to inspire, motivate and work cooperatively with others. |
| **Essential criteria 6 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 7:** Good understanding of bumblebees, other pollinators and their habitats. |
| **Essential criteria 7 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 8:** Direct practical experience of habitat restoration and management particularly grassland and coastal habitats. |
| **Essential criteria 8 answer:** |
| **Essential criteria 9:** Ability to use IT applications including- email/internet, Microsoft 365 and basic GIS (preferably QGIS).  |
| **Essential criteria 9 answer:** |

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| **PERSONAL STATEMENT***Please use this section to provide any* ***additional detail*** *to that already provided above, on how your knowledge, skills and experience will enable you to fulfil the requirements of the post. Please refer to the job description and person specification when completing this section. You can also include details of any voluntary activities or interests, as well as any other relevant information you would like us to consider in support of your application.* **Please limit your personal statement to 400 words maximum.** |
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| **REFERENCES** |
| Please give details of TWO people who can confirm your suitability for this role. This should ideally include your present/most recent employer and not be related to you in any personal capacity (e.g. friends or family members). **We will only approach referees if you are offered the post. If you cannot provide two references do not leave this section blank, please contact us.**  |
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| **DECLARATION** |
| **Agreement to use my data** * I hereby freely give the Bumblebee Conservation Trust consent to process, store and use my personal data relating to my job application in accordance with the [Data Protection and Privacy Policy for Job Applicants.](https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/what-we-do/vacancies/privacy-policy-job-applicants/)
* I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this form is correct.
* I accept that if any of the enclosed information is found to be untrue after my appointment, I may be liable for dismissal without notice.
* I authorise you to contact the references listed on this form and make any other checks deemed appropriate once an offer of employment is made.

**In giving my consent:*** I understand that I can ask to see this data to check its accuracy at any time via a subject access request (SAR).
* I understand that I can ask for a copy of my personal data held about me at any time, and this request is free of charge.
* I understand that I can request that data that is no longer required to be held can be removed from my file and destroyed.
* I understand that if I am unsuccessful with my application my data will be destroyed after **6 months**.
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