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## Livestock Manager

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*“I have always had in mind the creation of a sound, practical, enterprise; preserving what is best in our country way of life, and based on sound, practical farming, as all country life must be.” - William Scott Abbott*

**The William Scott Abbott Trust is an educational charity committed to connecting people to agriculture through a variety of experiences in a diverse historic landscape.**

Our *vision* is to create a thriving, innovative and enterprising agricultural education and rural skills “centre of excellence”.

Our programmes will transform participants’ relationships with food, forestry, fibre and farms.

Our *mission* is to inspire, nurture and promote countryside education. We will design and deliver authentic agricultural and outdoor experiences that nurture connections between families, farms, and food in East Anglia.

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Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre is the visitor face of the William Scott Abbott Trust which has shared farming and countryside learning for over 50 years. Our new business plan will see us providing year-round, farm-based educational programs for all ages.

The role of Livestock Manager sits within the Site Operations Team, and works to provide effective leadership and management of all current and future livestock programs, ensuring the highest quality care is provided to all animals at all times. You’ll need to be comfortable working with animals of all sizes, from guinea pigs to heavy horses, alpacas to pigs.

About 80% of this job is working outside and “hands-on”, but you also need to be comfortable with the back-office side of our business, including developing and managing the agriculture budget, overseeing marketing and sales of animals and animal products, and managing herd health, performance and related record-keeping.



### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Provide effective leadership and management of all current and future livestock programs, ensuring the highest quality care is provided to all animals at all times
- Develop and manage the Agriculture budget and oversee marketing and sales of animals and animal products
- Ensure effective management of livestock-related partnerships
- Manage herd health and performance; maintain accurate records
- Assist in the management and maintenance of grazing infrastructure, including pastures, water systems and fencing
- Effectively supervise seasonal staff and recruit and train volunteers in daily animal-related chores and animal management as needed and as appropriate
- Seek out training opportunities, including workshops, conferences, visits to area farms, etc.
- Develop relationships with local farmers, food producers, community members, and organizations that will help support Sacrewell and the surrounding community
- Assist with Education Programs as needed and appropriate, particularly through interactions with Education Programs staff
- Attend and participate in Farm and Community events as needed and as appropriate

### **Experience, Skills and Knowledge**

- Three plus years of hands-on experience in pasture-based livestock management and care. Knowledge of organic principles is desirable.
- Experience with overseeing the health of livestock including all aspects of animal husbandry, including breeding, birth & vaccinations.
- A strong interest in and knowledge of the food system, sustainable agriculture, and the natural environment.
- Strong desire to be part of a dynamic, entrepreneurial work environment and a growing non-profit organization
- Strong interpersonal skills and public communication abilities including excellent writing and computer skills, including MS Excel
- Strong organizational abilities, time management skills and ability to prioritize and manage multiple projects.
- Strong commitment to education and working within the local community and people of all ages
- Ability to work well independently, as a member of a high functioning team and developing effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Ability to work well under pressure
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- Ability to operate tractors and other mechanical equipment routinely used in farming
- Energetic, dynamic and engaging personality
- Current First Aid and CPR certification desirable
- Full UK driving licence
- Qualifications related to Sustainable Agriculture or Livestock Management is desired but not essential
- Must be able to work a variable rota, which includes regular weekend and holiday working

### **Physical Requirements**

- Requires ability to operate and provide basic service of equipment used in farming.
- Requires ability to sit at computer for several hours at a time
- Ability to lift 30+ pounds.
- Ability to withstand prolonged exposure to variable weather conditions

### **Compensation**

- The Livestock Manager is a full-time, year-round position.
- Starting salary range £19,800-25,300. As a full time employee, the Livestock Manager is eligible for benefits offered by Sacrewell Ltd and WSAT, including uniform, 28 days annual leave, pension plan and shop discount.