



William Scott Abbott Trust
- at Sacrewell -



Learning Officer

ACCOUNTABLE TO: **Education and Conservation Manager**

JOB SUMMARY:

Sacrewell is a popular Farm Attraction located to the west of Peterborough with 100,000 visitors a year. We are part of the William Scott Abbott Trust, an agricultural education charity with over 50-years of history. Our programmes focus on farming, sustainability, nutrition, and land stewardship.

The Trust seeks to create a safe, accessible, fun, and enriching educational environment for all visitors. We want to help our visitors make real-life connections to food, farming and the countryside and our aim is that every visitor explore, experience and enjoy.

Our Education offer plans are underway and we need someone fantastic to be part of our team to cover for maternity leave. It's an exciting time with the William Scott Abbott Trust at Sacrewell; we need innovative, energetic educators to help launch and deliver our ambitious new 'Farming with Nature' Learning programme primarily for Key Stages 1 & 2 to begin with.

The Learning Officer role, whilst working as part of a team, is jointly responsible for booking, planning and leading pre-school and school activity sessions in agroecology and permaculture, Forest schools, residential Farm Camps, guided tours of our fully operational historic watermill, conservation activities, tractor rides, and animal experiences.

Using farming, animal contact (particularly horses) and nature based learning strategies Sacrewell is increasing its educational and wellbeing programmes for children with special educational needs or who have been excluded from main stream education as well as F.E. students and adults. The Education Team will undertake outreach work with schools including producing online content and live video links.

Most school visits occur during school hours, however the role would include supporting the delivery of school Farm Camp residentials during the Summer.

Due to the nature of the business, some weekend, school holiday and Bank Holiday working may be required.

Occasionally situations may arise that require the post holder to perform other duties or tasks as may be reasonably requested by the Trust. In addition, all employees are expected to adhere to the Trust's commitment to providing a safe and positive working environment for all.

Hours: Part time or full time up to 37.5 FTE hours per week on average – actual hours will reflect the seasonal needs of the Trust with variable peak and off-peak season hours.

Working Pattern: Working to a flexible rota system which may include some weekend, school holiday and Bank Holiday working.

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Key Responsibilities

- Coordinating with members of the Education Team to promptly and effectively respond to enquiries from schools and other groups wishing to make a booking to visit Sacrewell.
- Plan and deliver high quality educational experiences for visiting schools and groups in accordance with agreed educational objectives.
- Proactively feedback improvement suggestions to key internal and external stakeholders on the design, delivery and launch of our new 'Farming with Nature' education programme.
- Support and deliver other educational activities across the farm as needed.
- Prepare, lead and deliver activities as part of our school residential Farm Camp experience
- Ensure prior to use, that all education related equipment/resources are fit for purpose and in a safe condition.
- Carry out all relevant duties and responsibilities in accordance with the WSAT BSI quality standard.
- Potential to carry out outreach work to schools either in person or via live video links

The Learning Officer will need to have:

Essential experience

- Experience of delivering educational activities and engaging learners, whether in a mainstream or an informal setting

Desirable experience

- Experience of, or an interest in nature, the countryside, agriculture, animal husbandry, equine management, conservation, horticulture and/or the heritage and history of Sacrewell
- Understanding of the principles of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, to ensure Sacrewell is a safe environment for all visitors. A clear enhanced DBS check is required for this role
- Experience of designing and planning educational activities
- Experience of delivering online learning activities
- Experience of delivering educational activities to learners of all ages with special educational needs
- Experience of delivering educational activities in an outdoor learning environment
- Experience of delivering educational activities involving the preparation of food and with a qualification in Food Health and Hygiene.
- Marketing experience
- Understanding of relevant health and safety issues and experience of carrying out risk assessments



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Skills and attributes

- The ability to adapt your delivery style to a diverse range of learners needs
- Good organisational, administrative and IT skills
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage positively with a wide range of colleagues, partners, learners, and communities
- An interest in continuing professional development

Scale and Scope of Role

- Spend approval limit in line with the Approval Matrix



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The William Scott Abbott Trust is a 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 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 sustainable agriculture. We will design and deliver authentic farming and outdoor experiences that nurture connections between families, farms and food.

Our aim is to connect people of all ages and backgrounds to the science, heritage and practical art of agriculture and to illuminate the trail that leads from farm to plate and to facilitate that every visitor explore, experience and enjoy

The William Scott Abbott Trust and Sacrewell core values

Think long term

- We look after Sacrewell farm for the future. We’re dynamic, far-sighted and ready to lead for the long term. We behave in a sustainable way, reducing our impact on the environment and spending wisely to make sure we have the financial security to look after special places forever. We keep things simple and are imaginative about finding better ways to do things.

Respect and cherish our land

- We hold Sacrewell farm in the highest regard. We all value the role it has had and will continue to have in people’s lives. We connect with the William Scott Abbott’s ethos and desire to share our agricultural heritage with everyone. We celebrate the distinctiveness of Sacrewell keeping it honest and authentic, not uniform, fake or unloved. We are all ambassadors for the William Scott Abbott Trust, promoting the importance of our work and the experiences we offer at Sacrewell.

Inspire people – “can do attitude

- We inspire people to connect with agriculture. We’re warm, welcoming and actively part of the communities around us. We encourage and listen to other people’s views, needs and suggestions and we exceed people’s expectations with our positive ‘can-do’ attitude. We thrive by involving people in what we do, inspiring them to share our passion for Sacrewell.

Share our common purpose – Teamwork

- We work together to look after Sacrewell. We trust and empower each other to make the right decisions, working collaboratively and at pace. We build effective relationships, learning from each other and promoting simplicity, fairness, innovation and learning. As we work towards achieving our common purpose we’re clear on what we’re accountable for, making decisions within agreed frameworks.

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