Sun Rising

Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

Role: **Groundsperson and Nature Reserve Support**

Term: Part Time

Hours: 8 hours a week

Location: Tysoe, South Warwickshire

Pay: £14 per hour, initially on a contract basis.

The Applicant

We are looking for someone who has a passion for the environment, who would love to be working alongside our small team, helping to maintain the natural burial ground as a beautiful place to visit and a valuable nature reserve.

About Us

Sun Rising is a well reputed, much loved, carefully managed natural burial ground and nature reserve in rural south Warwickshire. We opened in 2006 and have over 2000 laid to rest. We offer ethical, environmentally-friendly options for burial, working closely with families to create personal funerals, burials and memorials, in the beautiful surroundings of the nature reserve.

https://sunrising.co.uk

The Role

The role would begin as support to our Groundsman and Nature Reserve Manager, but over time and as appropriate the job would entail more responsibility and independence.

The job may include the following:

- Maintain and help develop the natural burial ground and nature reserve to agreed standards, with environmental sensitivity.
- Maintain site infrastructure and buildings.
- Keep stone paths, tracks and car parks in good condition.
- Mowing, strimming, weeding, seasonal clearing.
- Support maintenance of wildflower meadows and grassland.
- Support maintenance of ponds, ditches and drainlines.

- Support maintenance of hedges and growing woodland.
- Grave care, e.g. topping up, tidying burial areas.
- Identify and control non-native and invasive species.
- Support staff in preparing for funerals, e.g. parking control, chairs, tables.
- Dig and backfill plots for cremated remains interments.
- Assist at events, such as nature walks, surveys and volunteer days.

Hours and Timing

- The job is 8 hours a week. There may be weeks when more hours would be available.
- Initially hours would need to be taken between Tuesday and Friday.
- The job would be available to begin as soon as a candidate is found.
- There would be a probationary period on contract, the timescale to be agreed when the job begins. This could then develop into a staff position.

About You

Essential Skills

The candidate would need to

- be wholly responsible, reliable and trustworthy,
- have experience with and be dedicated to caring for natural green spaces,
- happy, able and willing to be working outdoors, in all weathers, all year round.
- familiar with the use of hand tools and basic DIY skills.
- used to heavy labour, such as digging, moving soil, raking.
- have an eye for details and consistent approach to tasks.
- have an awareness of personal safety issues, and welfare of the environment and others.
- willing and able to enforce site regulations, e.g. no dog walking, no plastics left on graves.
- a full clean driving licence and own transport: Sun Rising is a rural site, only accessible by car.

Desirable Skills

- Knowledge of British wildlife and habitat management: Sun Rising is a nature reserve, not a garden.
- Power tool use/certification, e.g. chainsaw, brushcutter, mowers.
- Experience of small project management.
- First Aid in the Field qualification.
- Willing to attend appropriate training courses.
- Sensitive to visitors, making them feel welcome and speaking with friendly compassion.

Previous experience

Any relevant experience would be a distinct advantage. However, if you are the right person, we will give training in every aspect of the job.

Application:

To apply, please send your full CV and tell us why you think you'd be the right person for the job: office@sunrising.co.uk.

Deadline: there is currently no deadline on this, as we are keen to find someone as soon as possible. This may change.