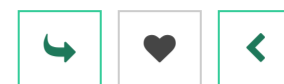


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Countryside officer

Also called: Conservation officer



Countryside officers organise initiatives to manage, preserve, and promote the protection of the countryside.



What you'll do

You'll work on environmental improvements and conservation management. Unlike a [Countryside ranger](#), your role might be less 'hands on' and, rather than working with nature directly, you'll be responsible for things like preparing reports and applying for funding.

You could also be responsible for making sure the public have access to the countryside.

Your day-to-day duties could include:

- advising landowners on how to manage their land
- conducting surveys, carrying out research, and analysing data
- writing reports and delivering presentations
- preparing funding applications
- dealing with complaints
- organising the upkeep of country parks and woodlands
- making sure footpaths are clearly marked and litter bins and car parks are provided
- advising on planning applications
- giving talks to local groups
- producing resources like leaflets and information boards
- supporting local environmental events, activities, and projects

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

Working hours and environment

You'll work around 37 hours a week. You might work in the evening, at weekends, and on public holidays.

You'll usually be based in an office, so you'll spend most of your time seated at a desk.

That said, some of your work will be based outdoors. The role can be physically demanding and you could be working in all weather conditions.

Career path and progression

With experience and further qualifications, you could progress to senior countryside officer or manager and then regional manager.

Skills required

You'll need:

- effective communication and 'people' skills
- negotiating skills, to help you reach a decision bearing others' opinions in mind
- planning and organisational skills
- digital literacy skills, so you can interpret data and keep accurate records
- confident speaking skills, so you can deliver talks and presentations

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#) >

Entry requirements

Employers will usually expect you to have a bachelor's degree or similar level qualification in a relevant subject like:

- biology
- countryside or environmental management
- ecology and geography
- environmental sciences

Paid or unpaid work experience with a countryside or nature-focused charity may also be useful.

If you live in the UK, you could get into this job through an environmental conservation apprenticeship.

Related university subject profiles

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- UK
- USA

Jobs

Conservation and environment professionals

38,911

185 in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

1	Hampshire	1,138
2	Devon	1,021
3	Kent	942
4	Oxfordshire	898
5	Surrey	869

Salaries

Environment professionals

£36,115

Conservation and environment professionals

£36,209

📍 (Not enough data for this region) in your region of North West

Top 3 regions

1	South East	£37,331
2	South West	£34,904

Growth

2020-2035

Science, research, engineering and technology professionals

+41.4%

↑ 897,801 jobs

📍 +38.5% in your region of North West, an increase of 80,754 jobs

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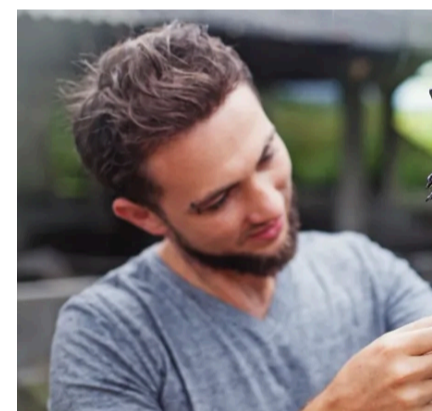
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