

Job information pack

Grants Officer, West Wight Landscape Partnership

About the West Wight Landscape Partnership

The West Wight is a predominantly rural area made famous by iconic landscape features such as the Needles and the coloured sands of Alum Bay. It has also been the home and inspiration for writers and artists such as the C. 19th Poet Laureate Lord Tennyson and photographer Julia Margaret-Cameron.

In 2004, the West Wight Landscape Partnership (WWLP) was formed by local parish and town councils, environmental and regeneration organisations to promote and improve the care of the natural, built and cultural heritage of the area. In 2008 we secured a Landscape Partnership Scheme grant of more than £1.7m from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help deliver our aims. For the purposes of our scheme the West Wight is roughly defined as that third of the Island that falls to the west of a line drawn from Thorness Bay on the north coast to Shepherds Chine on the south.

Our scheme has four broad aims.

- Provide opportunities to learn about the natural heritage;
- Encourage participation in conservation work;
- Celebrate local culture and traditions;
- Improve access for all to the countryside.

We are now entering the second year of project delivery and working closely with local communities to protect and celebrate the heritage of the area. An important way in which we are doing this is through our Landscape Heritage Grants (LHG) programme.

About the Landscape Heritage Grants programme

The LHG programme offers grants of between £1,000 to £15,000 for projects that will conserve, enhance, celebrate or extend understanding of the West Wight's historic landscape, and which are located within the boundaries of the WWLP area.

The LHG programme has two key funding priorities which relate to conservation and/or learning about the landscape and heritage of the West Wight. To receive a grant a project must:

- conserve and enhance the historic and natural landscape of the West Wight; or
- help more people, and a wider range of people, learn about and enjoy the heritage of the area.

Our objective is to allocate £300,000 in LHG grants across the 3½ years of the scheme. This will be matched by a further £150,000 of partnership funding secured by successful applicants. Our aim is to ensure the benefits of the investment have a positive impact on habitats and communities across the West Wight.

The Grants Officer is responsible for promoting and delivering the LHG programme.

To find out more, visit our website at www.wwlp.co.uk