

JOB OPENING— Ecologist

Location: Ballymena

Salary Description: Competitive

Start Date: ASAP

Neo Environmental, an award-winning planning and environmental consultancy, have an exciting opportunity for an Ecologist or Senior Ecologist to work on a broad variety of projects, with the main focus on renewables. The position will offer the right individual the opportunity to work for a well-established and growing planning and environmental consultancy.

You will be given plenty of opportunity to develop your skills and expertise through ongoing mentoring and training in a friendly environment. The ideal candidate will be able to work with a high degree of independence as well as in teams.

Duties

- Undertaking ecological surveys including:
 - Phase 1 / Fossitt habitat survey and IVCs
 - Protected species scoping surveys
 - Bat surveys
- Producing comprehensive reports including:
 - Preliminary ecological appraisals
 - Ecological impact assessments
 - EIA chapters
 - Biodiversity management plans
 - Protected species
 - Appropriate Assessments/ Natural Impact Statements
- Liaising with clients and statutory consultees
- Attending client and site meetings
- Undertaking ECoW role where required

Essential Criteria

- Degree in ecology or similar
- Significant professional report writing experience
- Good knowledge of ecological legislation and regulations
- Experience of phase 1 habitat surveys
- Technically competent
- The successful candidate will be required to produce reports for clients and so attention to detail, reliability, and good organisational skills are essential
- Must be flexible and willing to travel across the UK, with occasional overnight stays away from home
- Full driving license and own transport

Desirable Criteria

- CIEEM accredited
- Demonstrable post graduate experience in ecology surveys
- Ornithology experience would be advantageous
- Bat survey experience
- GWDTE experience
- Ecological Clerks of Works (ECoW) experience
- Knowledge or experience using ArcGIS or similar
- Other protected species survey experience