

Senior Bat Conservation Officer

We are looking for someone passionate about bat conservation to support Vincent Wildlife Trust's Bat Team by managing reserves, overseeing bat projects and reporting on conservation interventions.

This is a fixed-term contract for 18 months: 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2024

The Trust's work focuses on smaller carnivores and rare bats in Britain, Ireland and more widely in Europe. The conservation team has a track record of delivering ground-breaking projects such as translocating and re-establishing pine marten to mid-Wales, running the first project to build climate change resilience into bat roosts, and developing molecular techniques to monitor population change in woodland bats.

You will step into a role collaborating on a landscape-scale greater horseshoe bat project in southeast England, manage bat reserves that hold 50% of Britain's population of greater horseshoe bats, assist with our rare woodland bat ringing and bat box schemes, whilst collaborating with our PhD students and Science Team to help deliver ground-breaking projects and concrete conservation interventions for rare bats.

This role offers an unrivalled opportunity to manage some of Britain's largest and most important bat reserves. You will support the delivery of a wide range of bat conservation projects, work closely with volunteers and wider partners to promote knowledge exchange and advocate our approach to bat conservation more widely with our stakeholders and the public.

You will need to hold a bat licence and have a combination of bat conservation experience, including surveys, project delivery, administration and coordination skills.

The Trust offers a quality employment package, the chance for continued professional development and the opportunity to engage with your peers in the UK and potentially abroad.

For a job application pack, please visit www.vwt.org.uk/vacancies

Deadline for applications: Midnight on Sunday 14 May 2023

by email to averil.clother@vwt.org.uk

or by post to Vincent Wildlife Trust, 3-4 Bronsil Courtyard, Eastnor, Ledbury, HR8 1EP

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