



## **Seasonal Field Assistant – 4 month Fixed Term Internship Opportunity**

We have an exciting opportunity to join the team at Pensthorpe Conservation Trust for a fixed term period from May to the end of August 2019.

This is a fabulous and unique opportunity to join the team in helping Pensthorpe deliver on our passion for nature and supporting and sustaining the development of key species in our local area working on our renowned Corncrake Release Project, as well as conservation, farming and monitoring.

The role has three key areas of focus:

1. To support to the species conservation team to reintroduce corncrakes to the Wensum Valley. Assisting with the aviculture at pre-release pens and night-time monitoring and catching of returning birds;
2. To liaise and help with stock movements at the release site, to ensure best results for returning birds, and future planning of habitat grazing management; and
3. To assist with delivering objectives concerning turtle dove conservation for the Upper Wensum Cluster Farm Group, including monitoring a supplementary feeding trial.

The role will include the daily feeding, cleaning and treatment of Corncrake chicks pre-release and helping with release, keeping detailed records and monitoring all aspects of bird health. You will also be involved in the rearing and the release of Corncrakes whilst maintaining the highest standards of bio-security and cleanliness. A part of your role will be monitoring, with night-time monitoring of returning birds, catching and assisting with ringing and data recording. You will also liaise with the stockman so that an effective stock management plan can be put in place based on the locations of returning birds and for release sites.

As you can imagine, a significant proportion of this job is outdoors and will be undertaken in all weathers, and at times working split shifts during the evenings, night-time and early mornings as required. The position is ideally suited to someone with a passion for wildlife and looking to build valuable experience to enhance his or her CV.

### **Essential Knowledge and Experience**

- Prior experience of field-work, monitoring and associated high level report writing
- IT skills to record data, analyse and present in report format
- Knowledge and understanding of conservation issues
- Driving licence and access to your own vehicle is essential

### **Personal Qualities**

- A dedication to the practical aspects of wildlife conservation
- Reliability and the capacity for hard work, working alone with the ability to act on your own initiative, as required
- Ability to work as part of a team and work flexibly with the wider Aviculture and Warden team
- Good communication skills and the confidence to deliver talks to paying visitors to Pensthorpe
- Willingness to learn and take instruction
- Flexibility to work at unusual times

This position will commence in early May 2019 with interviews anticipated to take place in early April 2019.

Salary: National Minimum Wage for age group

Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019