



PLEASE NOTE – THE BAILIES OF BENNACHIE HAVE APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR THIS POST.

THE POST WILL ONLY BE OFFERED IF A GRANT IS AWARDED.

Job Title	Visitor and Volunteer Co-ordinator for Bailies of Bennachie
Purpose	To co-ordinate volunteers working to improve the visitor experience on Bennachie and to assist visitors to the hill at weekends.
Reports to	Steering group made up of three Bailies of Bennachie Trustees.
Location	Mainly Bennachie plus some hot spots within the Bennachie Special Landscape Area and working from home Must be located within reasonable travelling distance of Bennachie.
Hours	Friday – Monday i.e. 28 hours (can be flexible but need some weekend cover)
Salary	£150/day. A mobile phone for this work will be supplied by the Bailies of Bennachie and a mileage rate of 45 pence per mile will be paid from an agreed starting point
Contract	Self-employed contract. Start early June – finish end of October.

Job Description

The Bennachie range is a very popular outdoor recreation hotspot in Aberdeenshire. In 2020 there were more visitors to the hill and nearby places as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. It is anticipated that 2021 will also see a larger number of visitors than in previous years. The increase in visitors results in extra litter, more dog fouling, and pressure on multiple use paths.

The duties of this post include

- co-ordinating and working with volunteers for the Bailies of Bennachie including volunteer work parties that maintain the paths, volunteers who pick up litter, volunteers who clean toilets at Rowantree Car Park, volunteer hill wardens trialling a system of path audits and other volunteers as required.
- visiting the hotspots at weekends and talking to visitors about responsible behaviour as required by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. (Working with Aberdeenshire Council, and Forestry and Land Scotland to reduce the impact of irresponsible behaviour and promoting good practice. While reporting issues concerning noise, inappropriate parking, dog control and littering to Aberdeenshire Council and Police Scotland and to take action where appropriate.)
- Advising the Bailies about messaging needed on the Bailies social media pages.
- Working with the Bailies of Bennachie, Aberdeenshire Council (ie Planning and Environment Service , Community Waste Officer, Cleaning Services and Infrastructure Services), the staff at the Bennachie Visitor Centre and the Bennachie Centre Trust, East Region, Forestry and Land Scotland (Visitor Services, Stewardship Foresters and Environmental Team) and local landowners including Macdonald Hotel Pittodrie Estate, Forbes Estate and Monymusk Estate.
- Contributing to developing the integrated visitor management planning process initiated by a previous grant by developing path condition audits
- Producing a weekly report for the Steering group
- Producing an end of contract report.
- Other duties as required e.g. attend steering group meetings

Person Description

Essential

Self-starter - able to work alone with minimal supervision

Excellent knowledge of countryside – preferably with qualifications at least to HND standard or equivalent relevant experience

Ability to work with visitors and volunteers on Bennachie.

Proven experience of co-ordinating volunteers(including producing risk assessments and monitoring volunteer safety on site)

Proven experience of working with, and excellent knowledge, of Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Excellent communication skills

Good computer skills – competent with Word, Excel, Facebook.

Proven experience of lone working and H&S in rural locations

Full driving licence and ability to use transport for work - mileage will be reimbursed

Desirable

First aid qualification

Qualification in mountain leadership or similar

Experience of footpath construction and maintenance

Disclosure Scotland clearance

References

Will be required before the post is offered.

If interested please send your CV and covering letter to **chair@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk** by Friday 28th May 2021

Interviews will be held online on 3rd June 2021 and ideally the successful candidate should be ready to start week beginning 7th June 2021.

If you require more information about the post please contact Jackie Cumberbirch tel 07799658209