

MID-DEESIDE LTD (MDL)

Forestry Expert – Advisor to Board of Directors

MDL has recently completed a review into the management and operation of its woodlands in the village of Aboyne .

The Bell Wood was bought on behalf of the community by Mid Deeside Limited in 2003 after consultation showed that there was a demand for improved public access and a more natural habitat. Also in 2003, Mid Deeside Limited was granted a 99 year lease on the Ladywood on the western side of the village. Details of these woods are contained upon MDL's website <http://www.mid-deeside.org.uk/woods.htm>

Both woodlands are well used by the community with a permanent mountain bike site and orienteering control points located in the Bell Wood.

This review recommended the engagement of a forestry expert to advise the MDL Board.

The primary responsibilities associated with this appointment are summarised as follows:-

- first line contact for all forestry related matters
- development of annual budgets and forecasts and ongoing performance monitoring against them
- compliance with and development of the forests plans as approved by the Forestry Commission
- lead the operating/volunteer group made up of user groups within the community and with them determine and implement ongoing plans for operational and maintenance activities within the woodlands
- oversee all health, safety and environmental matters
- attendance and reporting at monthly board meetings to give general advice on Forestry matters to the Board and report progress against the Forest Plans

We seek to make this appointment on a the basis of an agreed £ rate and further anticipate that after initial familiarisation the level of commitment demanded by this position would be in the order of 10/15 hours per month. It is envisaged that many, but not all, of the responsibilities can be undertaken from home and therefore residing in a reasonable proximity to Aboyne with good email access to be important.

Please contact Barry Hauxwell at barry.hauxwell@wanadoo.fr or on 07793 275867 for a discussion on this opportunity.

Chairman
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