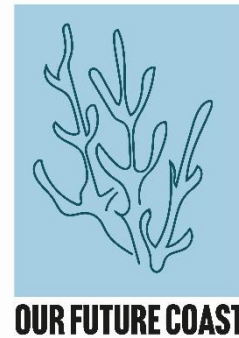




WYRE RIVERS TRUST
“from Bowland to Bay”



Background

The Wyre Rivers Trust is a registered charity that has been in operation for several years for the purpose of improving the ecological status of the river Wyre and its catchment.

Founded by three Angling clubs and supported by many community groups the Trust has carried out works within the catchment by volunteers and contractors to improve spawning conditions and habitat improvements for the benefit of migratory fish, coarse fish and eels. In 2013 the Wyre Rivers Trust became host of the Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership and begun to deliver works on the catchment scale with a wide range of benefits for the Wyre catchment.

More recently the trust has become more successful in securing funding for a number of projects which will be delivered throughout the Wyre catchment. The projects focus on a wide range of issues which include biodiversity, water quality, natural flood management, habitat creation and habitat connectivity. The trust has recently created its integrated catchment plan, which contains a comprehensive list of priorities within the Wyre catchment, these have been reviewed and agreed by our partners. As part of this, the Wyre Rivers Trust worked closely with Wyre Council and partners to develop the Our Future Coast Project, this project will see the delivery of a wide range of coastal projects to help reduce flood risk in an innovative manner.

Our Future Coast is one of the 25 pioneering projects awarded funding by DEFRA (via the Environment Agency) under the Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme (FCRIP) to explore new approaches to tackle the threat of flooding and improve coastal resilience. In line with best practice, this requires a long-term partnership approach working together across disciplines with engineers, planners, farmers, historians, and scientists etc. Our Future Coast places great importance on the engagement of local communities, with key stakeholders involved early and working as a team to build understanding and become champions for the approaches taken.

An Estuary Restoration Officer is required to help deliver one of these projects within the Wyre Estuary. It is expected that in their day-to-day role the Estuary Restoration Officer will support the delivery of this plan by providing support with the development, delivery, and management of saltmarsh restoration projects, delivering ecological surveys, delivering engagement events, developing, and delivering an education programme with reference to saltmarshes and in the management of the Trusts growing volunteer base. This role is both varied and wide reaching and would suit an ambitious candidate, keen to develop their skills.

The role will be based at the Wyre RT Offices in Myerscough, Lancashire, the candidate will be expected to work across the catchment and hot desk at the offices of various partners. The post will report to the Wyre Rivers Trust General Manager and Chairman.

Estuary Restoration Officer – Job Description

Job Title	Estuary Restoration Officer
Salary	£30,000.00 - £32,000.00
Benefits	Stakeholder pension scheme (9% employer, 6% employee) Life assurance scheme Flexible working Laptop and phone provided Mileage at 0.45p per mile
Hours	Full-time. Fixed term until March 2027

Job Purpose:

The Estuary Restoration Officer will support the delivery of the Wyre Rivers Trust and Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership Integrated Catchment Plan by providing support with the development, delivery, and management of a large saltmarsh restoration project, coastal access restoration projects, delivering ecological surveys, delivering engagement events, developing, and delivering an education programme with respect to saltmarshes, coordination of volunteers, and reporting the progress of works to the Wyre Rivers Trust General Manager, project partners, Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership and project funders.

Person Description:

The successful candidate will be a graduate and an exceptional self-starter with a vision and passion for ensuring that greater value is placed on the river Wyre becoming cleaner and healthier environment. They must be a good communicator with a passion for conservation and knowledge of freshwater and estuarine environments. The candidate must also have a good knowledge of coastal and estuarine science, coastal restoration techniques, project management, catchment resilience techniques, education and engagement within communities and schools, and partnership working. The candidate will also be required to deliver detailed reports and will need to have a good understanding data recording, storage (in accordance with relevant legislation) and its use to develop projects for funding bids.

Responsibilities:

- To report to the Wyre Rivers Trust General Manager
- To report the day-to-day delivery to the Wyre Rivers Trust General Manager and prepare reports for programme sponsors.
- To develop working relationships and work with existing partners, especially in relation to the Our Future Coast Project and the Gateway to the Wyre Estuary Project.
- To ensure that project plans are adhered to and that the works are delivered in accordance with all relevant legislation and the aims of the relevant project.
- Work in close conjunction with partners and community groups to evaluate opportunities for multiple benefit projects within the Wyre catchment.
- Use data and information to inform the development and delivery of project plans.
- To collate data and information from various authorities which will add to the baseline data to act as a starting point for improving water quality, water quantity, habitat quality, connectivity and increasing biodiversity in and around the River Wyre and its associated coastal waters.
- To work with the Wyre Rivers Trust General Manager to develop funding bids relating to project plans which have been developed.
- To work with the Wyre Rivers Trust Staff Team to deliver an ambitious programme of Education and Engagement within the Wyre Catchment.
- To undertake relevant safeguarding training for work with children and adults at risk.
- To prepare project briefs and specifications to support contracts for coastal projects.

Individual Requirements:

Essential:

- Minimum degree level qualification in coastal and estuarine sciences, aquatic environmental science, or similar degree.
- Experience in the delivery of coastal and/or estuarine restoration projects.
- Experience of working with landowners and a good understanding of the importance of stakeholder engagement in the delivery of habitat restoration.
- Experience in the management and coordination of contractors and volunteers.
- Good presentation and interpretation skills with the ability to get complex information across simply and concisely to a wide range of audiences.
- Experience of delivering ecological surveys, including but not limited to; saltmarsh surveys, coastal habitat surveys, and other intertidal studies.
- Possessing good inter-personal skills, both face to face and over the phone.
- Self-starter able to work on their own without day-to-day supervision.
- Reliability, good attendance and work performance.
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills with the necessary attention to detail.
- Excellent IT skills to include record keeping, filing and have the awareness of confidentiality and general data protection rules.
- A passion for the restoration and conservation of catchments and the flora and fauna which reside within them.
- Experience of working diligently within current Construction Design Management (2015), Health and Safety, and Environmental legislation.
- Knowledge of consenting and permitting processes, environmental law, and conservation designations.
- Valid driving licence and full access to a vehicle which is insured for business use.
- **This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check at an enhanced level.**

Desirable:

- An understanding of aquatic (river, estuarine and marine) survey techniques.
- Knowledge of the project area.
- Based near the project area.
- GIS skills.

Anyone we appoint is expected to support policies on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, Health & Safety, IT, GDPR and contribute to a respectful and inclusive working culture.

If you have any questions which aren't answered on our website or in this job description, please contact Thomas Myerscough at tom@wyriverstrust.org

Closing date: **Friday, 11th July 2025**

Interviews are planned for week commencing 21st July 2025 and will be held in-person in Myerscough, Lancashire.