

## **Bakewell Town Council**

### **Brief for the provision of project ecologist**

#### **1. Introduction**

This document outlines the details of services required by the Group for a contractor to supply those services to meet a National Lottery Heritage Fund community project, beginning in January 2022 (or as determined by the application submission). It will cover a period upto Sept 2023. This document also outlines instructions for sending a quote for the project services required. We anticipate this to be around 20 days consultancy work.

#### **2. Introduction**

Bakewell was one of the top 10 visited places during recent months and visitor pressure has been immense. Added to this over the past few years embankment erosion (not just visitors but local community use), climate change creating more intensive rainfall and the resulting floods along stretches of the Wye has impacted further to the embankments. Two sections in particular: Scots Garden and a section close to the car park on the opposite side of the bridge.

The River Wye supports nationally important species including Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Otters, Kingfishers, Water Voles etc. Scots Garden is home to all the above but the riverside habitat has become eroded at an alarming rate. The project aims to stem the deterioration by installing suitable naturalising material to recolonise these areas, provide increased vegetation/habitats and importantly convey conservation/ climate change messages to thousands of people that use the immediate area. The project will provide training and learning opportunities for a range of people: the casual interested person from the local community, those looking for learning in river/ ecological careers, engagement with volunteers from urban backgrounds looking to re-skill, countryside and heritage management tasters and supporting SME organisations in the delivery process.

We are looking for someone with the following experience:  
managing community education/ ecology , working with community groups and other organisations, working with schools, research methods, etc.

Aims:

Bakewell, a traditional small market town with a static and ageing population, is a honey-pot location for many thousands of visitots each year. This year due to COVID19 the Town has become even more popular as a destination and has seen it become one of the top ten places where people have visited for recreation.

- Recent flooding and wet winters have seen sections of the river embankment in Scot's garden meadows disappear.
- The river section around Scot's garden meadows are important breeding and spawning grounds for Rainbow Trout - a nationally important location and indeed the only river in the UK to support these fish. We need to consolidate these breeding areas.
- As part of the Derwent Catchment ensuring future water quality and eco-systems are resolved for future generations.
- Further errosion and loss of habitat is imminent - not just down to river management - but also by the many visitors and local community who use

these embankments on a regular basis. We need to engage with people, explain why the works are necessary; enable them to learn about the site (not just the heritage) but also implications of climate change and what this means.

- Engage with the local community to understand and fully explore the history of this small but important gateway into the Town and indeed how people envisage the Peak District National Park as an iconic and much photographed view.
- There is a high level of need for the proposed creative activities which support mental health. Many elderly local and urban participants have lived locally all their lives and the project will allow them to interface with the project with memories.
- Engaging with local SME's will give a much needed boost to the local economy.
- Without a grant, we cannot mount such an ambitious and multi-faceted programme.
- jobs will be trained with SME's involved such as the contractor roles, interpretation, printing, education, art facilitators, countryside skills facilitators etc and give an much needed boost to local SME's. A role - Project Manager - will oversee the project and will be created.

### **3. Requirements**

1. Project management:

Tasks will include:

- a. Writing and recommending a management plan for Scot's garden meadow,
- b. reporting to and communicating with the project officer,
- c. providing advice and guidance,
- d. supporting other contractors such as trainers, educationalists, contractors with advice.
- e. Supporting organising the outputs identified in the project plan including exhibitions and discoveries and book.

### **4. Timescales**

January 2022 – September 2023

### **5. Selection procedure**

We will select the candidate who appears to be most suitable; our decision is final.

Interested individuals should forward a concise CV (to include two referees) to for the provision of the above position to the Town Clerk by date Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Email: [townclerk@bakewelltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@bakewelltowncouncil.gov.uk) post: Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Bakewell, DE45 1BT

Appointment of the contract will be on a fixed fee as quoted.

## **6. Terms and Conditions**

Each project is to be completed within the specified fixed fee of £6,000.

- Payment will be made on receipt of official invoice.
- Job share welcome

There is no holiday entitlement, pension scheme or other benefit associated with any appointments.