

# Lee Abbey Fellowship

## Job Description

**Job Title:** Environmental coordinator  
**Department:** Estate  
**Reports To:** Head of Estate and Buildings

### Role Profile

Lee Abbey is looking for an enthusiastic and passionate person to help us continue to become more environmentally responsible. Building on the work of previous Environmental Coordinators, Lee Abbey needs you to inspire Community and guests to find new ways to meet with God through his creation, to learn more about the natural environment and how we can care practically for our estate and God's world. We need you to challenge us to care for creation, through reducing our carbon footprint, saving energy, recycling and the way we steward our estate.

You will work on your own and also with the different Lee Abbey teams both in the main house and at the Beacon youth center as you interact with guests and Community members at all levels of the organisation. Reporting to the Head of Estate you will have the opportunity to contribute ideas to both the strategic forward planning and the day to day running of the Lee Abbey estate and buildings. You will also provide the key link with A Rocha with whom we are a 'Partner in Action'.

### Key result areas

Communicating a sense of the awe and wonder of God's creation, encouraging guests and Community members to have life changing encounters with God through his creation, and to think how they can care for it more appropriately by:

- Modeling a sustainable lifestyle which honors and respects God's creation
  - Enthusing guests and community about the estate, its wildlife and its management through workshops, walks, and conversations within both formal and informal settings,
  - Challenging, encouraging and inspiring people to think about and respond to environmental issues at Lee Abbey, in their own communities and in the wider world,
  - Working with the Youth and Beacon team to provide environmental connection and education opportunities for young people,
  - Contributing an environmental voice to guest and Community times of corporate worship through prayers, liturgy, and preaching.
- Working with Team Leaders and senior management to improve Lee Abbey's sustainability by:

- Providing strategic advice on environmental matters – ways Lee Abbey can reduce its carbon footprint, use resources more wisely and care for creation,
  - Developing and communicating an environmental theology and spirituality for Lee Abbey that will underpin all that we are and do across the different working teams.
- Providing practical leadership on environmental matters by:
- Advising and assisting the Head of Estate and Buildings to implement our various management plans, and to formulate and implement strategic policies to make Lee Abbey more sustainable for the long term.
  - Advising and assisting the Farm Manager and estate team to develop and implement the farm management plan in a way that is environmentally sensitive,
  - Monitoring energy use, researching and implementing energy saving measures
  - Undertaking wildlife surveys and monitoring to continue to build a picture of the habitats and biodiversity on the estate.
  - Networking and building relationships with external organisations such as Natural England, Exmoor National Park and the Environment Agency to contribute to local environmental initiatives.
  - Liaising with A Rocha UK, including attendance at Partners in Action meetings as we seek to continue and develop the Partners in Action link between Lee Abbey and A Rocha UK.
  - The post holder will be expected to adhere to health and safety guidelines and to insure that their working practices and environment are safe.
  - They will adhere to the organisation's environmental policy and work towards minimising the environmental impact of all their activities.
  - All equipment relating to the position shall be kept in a safe and usable condition. Relevant certification must be up to date and available for inspection.
  - The position is extremely varied in its nature. It is mainly desk based, but contains significant elements of guest interaction and field work.
  - A suitable applicant will have a minimum of a higher class degree in a relevant subject or at least 3 years practical experience in this or a related field.

## Person specification

Essential	Ideal
A broad appreciation for the spiritual values that people attach to the natural world	Experience of working in a similar organization
Good communicator	Understands the demands of the current educational system
Well presented	Experience of working in a close community
Good physical health	Theological training
Good interpersonal skills	
Sense of humor	
Enjoyment of working outside	
An eye for what might be as well as for what currently exists	
Happy to follow when asked	
Happy to take the lead when required	
Current drivers license	
Relevant higher degree in a related subject	
Volunteering experience with a conservation charity	

Do you have experience in the environmental field and a desire to empower others and bring about change?

An opportunity has arisen for Environmental Co-ordinator at Lee Abbey Devon. This strategic role has evolved through a partnership between Lee Abbey and A Rocha UK (the Christian environmental charity). The role involves:

- ☑ Delivering greater environmental sustainability throughout the centre in key areas of waste, recycling and energy use.
  - ☑ Teaching adults and children a Christian perspective on environmental issues and wildlife education.
  - ☑ Advising on British wildlife for the management of the rich biodiversity of the estate.
- The suitable applicant would be a motivated self-starter, able to multi-task effectively, initiate ideas and possess an ability to "learn on the job". Good communication skills are essential.

Membership of the Lee Abbey Community is an integral requirement of the role.

Community members take an active part in the worship, creative and serving aspects of our life.

Lee Abbey is an Intentional Christian Community, members receive full board, accommodation and an allowance – rather than a traditional salary. For application pack contact Personnel Department: 01598 754250 email: [personnel@leeabbey.org.uk](mailto:personnel@leeabbey.org.uk).