GWCT Wales
Student Placement 2024/2025

Background
The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is an independent wildlife conservation charity. Its 60 scientists carry out research into game, associated species and habitats, from its HQ at Fording Bridge, and from outstations throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The Trust's main areas of interest encompass farmland, moorland, woodland and river management for game and other wildlife.

The Placement
In 2024/2025 we have one student placement available, based in Wales. This is a unique opportunity to be involved in projects in Wales, to include habitat surveys, data analysis and GIS mapping.

We have a range of ongoing projects, covering many different species and habitats. There will be opportunities to work on a number of these throughout the year. Projects across Wales involved with species such as woodcock, yellow hammer and curlew with several other projects in the pipeline, to include species such as kestrel, hares, black grouse and waders.

We are a small, welcoming, and dynamic team at GWCT Wales, consisting of 6 permanent members of staff. The team is headed by director Lee Oliver.

We can accommodate a placement student for up to a year, or a shorter period as necessary. We provide a stipend of £121 per week. This placement is a great opportunity, offering a unique insight into conservation and wildlife management. Although the placement will essentially be involved in conservation, we would also welcome applications from students from media and communications courses, as a large part of our work around the projects involves effective communication.

We require confident and able students with a keen interest in ecology and working outdoors. Candidates must be able to work long hours in the field, often in inclement conditions, and so are expected to have suitable outdoor wear. Data handling, bird ID, and analysis skills are desirable, but full training will be provided.

Students should be proficient in Microsoft office software (Word, Excel, etc.). The successful candidates are expected to work to a high standard, with attention to detail being very important. Training will also be provided for the use of drones in ecological surveys. Several of our projects are beginning to use Artificial Intelligence recognition for image and audio recognition. Again, an interest or experience using drones and/or AI would be desirable.

A full driving licence, prior to starting the placement, is required. The ability to speak Welsh would be a considerable advantage.

To Apply
To apply please send a CV and letter explaining why you are interested in the placement and arrange to have your tutor send a reference to the contact below by 13 March 2024. Interviews will be held online during the week commencing 18 March 2024.

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