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<b><u>Job Title:</u></b>	Heritage Link Worker
<b><u>Location:</u></b>	Bury St Edmunds/WFH
<b><u>Salary:</u></b>	£14 per hour for 15 hours per week
<b><u>Contract:</u></b>	Fixed term for 9 months, September 2023 – May 2024
<b><u>Reporting to:</u></b>	Restoration Trust Project Manager

The Restoration Trust is working with the Brecks Fen Edge and Rivers Landscape Partnership to run a Heritage Linkwork service, helping to connect people referred via social prescribing to local heritage and nature activities to support their mental health and wellbeing. This work will form part of a wider project called Healing Waters (<https://brecks.org/bfer/projects/revealing-the-rivers-connecting-with-communities/4-4-healing-waters-breathe-in-the-brecks/>), and #Breathe (<https://brecks.org/bfer/resources/breathe/>).

We are keen to be more diverse, so we especially welcome applications from people who are under-represented in heritage and nature because of their race, gender or class.

#### Job Description

This role involves connecting people with heritage and nature activities in the Norfolk and Suffolk Brecks, so that we can support people living with mental health problems by encouraging their participation in heritage and nature activities. This is a part time role for 15 hours per week, managed by the Restoration Trust.

The Heritage Linkworker will report to and work closely with the Restoration Trust Project Manager. We will offer the right person support and supervision, training, flexibility, IT resources, established processes and systems, expert advisors, and volunteers.

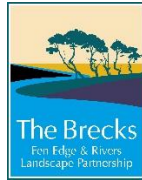
We offer external supervision for reflective practice and training.

#### Job Activities and Responsibilities

Activities will include bespoke sessions for participants, and support for participants to join existing events and activities in planning with the BFER Volunteer and Engagement Manager.

The Heritage Linkworker will build working partnerships with social prescribing referrers in Breckland such as the Primary Care Network, Breckland Council, the Integrated Care System and secondary care. Other relevant organisations include West Suffolk Council, possibly Mildenhall, Brandon and Thetford Town Councils, Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils.

The delivery methodology is not standardised, and our project draws on the experience, expertise, and best practice of all involved partners.

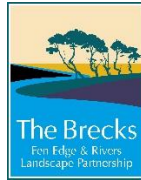


You will:

- Connect 80 – 100 people accessing social prescribing and wellbeing services in the locality with activities delivered through the Brecks Fen Edge and Rivers Partnership.
- Work across the Norfolk and Suffolk Brecks, with a particular focus on Bury St Edmunds.
- Provide dedicated time to referrals, sharing information with other Link Workers, linking referrals to heritage and green activities and assisting sustained contact between referrals and these activities.
- Build working partnerships with social prescribing referrers in Breckland such as the Primary Care Network, Breckland Council, the Integrated Care System and secondary care. Other relevant organisations include West Suffolk Council, possibly Mildenhall, Brandon and Thetford Town Councils, Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils.
- Work closely with the BFER team to ensure that these connections benefit the project as a whole and its legacy.
- Collaborate with the BFER Volunteer Manager to connect with relevant green and heritage organisations through the partnership and to join existing events and activities
- Collaborate with participants to create a programme of heritage and nature experiences. This may be through creating and coordinating an Our Heritage group in Bury St Edmunds.
- Gather data for Evaluation, assist in active learning and assessing the impact of the project on people who have used the service (following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018)
- Contribute to documents created by the project, including for quarterly reports to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and as part of the BFER legacy.

### Job Requirements

- A keen desire to support people who are dealing with mental health issues.
- Experience of using your initiative to support people in community, health, social care, arts & culture or information and advice settings.
- A sound knowledge of the Brecks Area and of local heritage; it would be preferable to be located in Bury St Edmunds or Thetford but not imperative.
- An interest in widening participation in heritage and green spaces.
- Ability to work flexibly from home and in other locations.
- Ability to learn quickly, understand the demands and priorities of your role.
- Excellent people skills and the ability to quickly connect with others.



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- Good IT and communications skills
- Creative and/or heritage and/or green skills and knowledge.
- Good organisational skills.

## **RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

Apply with a CV and covering letter by email to [laura@restorationtrust.org.uk](mailto:laura@restorationtrust.org.uk)

Closing date for applications Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 5pm.

Interviews online Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Heritage Link Worker in post from September 2023 (date to be confirmed)

## **About us**

The Restoration Trust is an inclusion charity that was founded in 2015. We use heritage and creativity to improve people's mental health without relying on services. Collaborating with partners from heritage, health, community, creativity, and academia, our co-created projects shift understanding about using cultural assets for health. <http://www.restorationtrust.org.uk>