

ECOLOGY CV

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Profile

- A conservation graduate with teaching experience.
- Excellent communication skills developed by delivering regular ecological information sessions to different age groups at two local wildlife organisations.
- Passionate about following a career in wildlife and conservation education.

Education

2018 - 2021

BSc Hons Ecology and Wildlife Conservation (2:1), University of Reading

- Developed in-depth ecological and conservation skills through key degree modules: Ecology and Environmental Management; Practical Field Ecology; Countryside and the Environment; Rural Environmental Sustainability.
- Completed an 8,000-word research project entitled '*Field tests of a novel method for surveying hedgehogs (Erinaceus europaeus) in rural landscapes*', this involved using 'footprint tunnels' in conjunction with live trapping.

2011 - 2018

Wokingham School, Berkshire

A-Levels: Biology (A), Chemistry (B), Music (C)
GCSEs: 2 A*s, 5 As, 3 Bs (including English, Maths and Biology)
GNVQ: Intermediate Information Technology (Pass)

Relevant Ecology and Conservation Experience

09/20 - present

Friends of Clayfield Copse Volunteer

- Provided talks on the preservation of living fungi for volunteers working on Clayfield Copse.
- Led training sessions and assisted new volunteers in coppicing techniques.
- Contributed to weekly species and footpath monitoring, including bird and bat box maintenance.
Designed web materials for use by local schools undertaking nature walks in Berkshire, received great feedback from teaching staff.

07/19 – 09/19

Berkshire Wildlife Trust Volunteer

- Assisted in management of grazing projects. Handled livestock and created a future plan of grazed areas, presented this to relevant staff and volunteers.
- Maintained footpaths and monitored tree species, devised a software programme to collate the information and share between volunteers to reduce duplication of effort.

- Ran a nature workshop for pre-school children, created a tree and leaf recognition game to help them interact with nature.

Further Employment Experience

03/20 - present **Shop Assistant, Brown's Caversham Rd, Reading**

- Offered advice and information to customers about products. Dealt with customer concerns and complaints with care and diplomacy, referring as necessary.
- Completed CIEH Food Safety Qualification.
- Assisted in training new shop assistants in the team, set up an induction programme that is still used for new staff.

07/19 – 09/19 **Volunteer at an African Fatima Mission, Zimbabwe**

- Assisted priest with daily lessons at Dungu Primary School.
- Devised play sessions to teach English as a Foreign Language to small groups. Created exercises to teach letter sounds and word recognition.

07/18 – 09/18 **Oxford Radcliffe Foundation Trust Hospital, Clinical Support**

- Bank Clinical Support Worker; supported a range of departments in the hospital.
- Assisted nurses and other members of staff with caring for patients and ensuring the smooth running of the ward.
- Supported patients and developed strong communication/counselling techniques to explain arrangements for treatment and hospital processes.

Additional Skills

IT Skills: Proficient user of Microsoft Office, excellent Excel skills

Activities and Interests

Sport: Captain of the University of Reading Ski team, competed at national level and organised inter-university competitions and social events.

Languages: Enjoy learning foreign languages and have taken both French and Italian as optional modules alongside academic studies.

Music & Drama: Keen musician. Play cello and actively involved with music groups including choirs and orchestras. Member of local drama society and recently appeared as 'Annie' in the Christmas production.

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