

We're Hiring: Seasonal Assistant Ecologist

Type: Full-time (37.5 hours per week), Temporary (1st April – 30th October 2026)

Salary: £25,000 (pro rata)

Location: Office based just outside Exeter, with surveys concentrated across the South West

About the Role

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable Seasonal Assistant Ecologists to join our small but busy ecological consultancy for the 2026 survey season. This role offers an opportunity to gain broad, hands-on experience across bat ecology and ecological survey work, survey analysis and reporting.

Fieldwork

You will assist with a wide range of surveys, including:

- **Evening bat emergence surveys**
- **Night-time bat walkover (transect) surveys**
- **Deploying and collecting static bat detectors**
- **Reptile surveys**
- **Assisting with other ecological fieldwork as required**

Working hours will frequently fall **outside normal office hours**, with surveys typically running on **weekdays with evening surveys Monday to Thursday** from April to the end of September.

For the right candidate, **there may be an opportunity for the role to become permanent.**

Office-Based Work

In addition to fieldwork, you will gain valuable experience in the office, which will help you build confidence and practical consultancy skills, supporting the team with:

- **Emergence survey analysis**
- **Static detector and transect analysis**
- **Writing up survey results and assisting with report preparation**

- **Data uploading, survey admin, and responding to office calls**
- **Helping maintain survey equipment and assisting with kit management**

You must be able to **commit to attending the office daily around scheduled surveys**.

✨ **Who We're Looking For**

No previous experience is required and **full training will be provided**. This role is ideally suited for people interested in starting or developing a career in ecological consultancy.

Essential Skills & Requirements

- Full UK driving licence **and own transport**
- Ability to reliably travel to the office and survey sites.
- Physically fit enough to work on large outdoor sites, often in the dark and in variable weather
- Positive work ethic and willingness to work unsociable hours
- Interest in ecology or wildlife conservation
- Ability to work well within a team and communicate effectively
- Good time management and reliability

Desirable Skills & Experience

- Knowledge of bats or previous experience with wildlife surveys
- Strong observational, listening, and recording skills

🌍 **What We Offer**

- Full-time hours (37.5 per week) with **flexi-time**
- A supportive, friendly, and experienced team
- Training in bat survey methods, equipment handling, analysis, and reporting
- Opportunities to assist with wider ecological surveys
- Broad skill development across practical surveying, technical analysis, and consultancy workflows
- Experience that directly supports progression into ecological consultancy roles

- Access to our training courses to gain further experience, subject to our training agreement

Applications close: 1st March 2026

Interviews: Applications will be reviewed and interviews arranged on a rolling basis.

Ready to make your next career move?

Send your CV and cover letter to **office@richardgreenecology.co.uk**

 **Do it with us at Richard Green Ecology.**

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