



Shepreth Wildlife Park

Shepreth, Cambs, SG8 6PZ

HEAD KEEPER – EAST SECTION

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| POSITION | Head Keeper – East Section (Primates, Carnivores & Nocturnal) All applicants must be over 18 years old. |
| HOURS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am and 6pm including one-hour lunch break (April - October) • 9am and 5pm including one-hour lunch break (November - March) • 5 days per week (negotiable), including one weekend day • Permanent contract, upon successful completion of a six-month probation period. • Start date: May 2022 (negotiable) • Salary: On Application |
| ROLE PROFILE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the care and well-being of all species on East Section, in the absence of the Curator. • East Section species list includes: Sumatran tiger, clouded leopard, ASC otter, maned wolf, Scottish wildcat, meerkat & cusimanse, pardine genet, Egyptian fruit bat, naked mole rat, aardvark, pygmy slow loris, ruffed & ring-tailed lemur, tamarin, macaw, ibis & scops owl. • Responsible for the delivery of visitor focused presentations and V.I.P. encounters. • Responsible for the supervision of research students on-site and affiliated documentation. • To assist with the refurbishment of animal enclosures. • To be responsible for the day-to-day condition of the facilities on this section and maintain them accordingly, and to health and safety regulations. • To assist in the training and supervising of less experienced staff, voluntary workers and work experience students. |
| SKILLS | <p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years of experience working with similar species. • One year's experience in a supervisory role. • Good presentation skills. • DMZAA (or equivalent) and knowledge of ZIMS. • Ability to problem solve and good observational skills to notice change in animal behaviour or physiology. • An understanding of how animal science works, and how to interpret and apply latest science. • Good team player with a motivated and positive outlook, and an ability to support colleagues. • Confidence in leading a team of staff and volunteers, reporting to the Curator, and delegating tasks as appropriate. • Experience in all aspects of animal welfare, including health checks, training, enrichment, husbandry and nutrition. • Awareness of health and safety protocols, breeding programmes, and professional bodies associated with the zoo industry. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good IT literacy. • Firearms training and licence. • Horticultural knowledge. |
| APPLY | Please send your CV to office@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk , with a covering letter detailing your availability for interview (in person / on zoom) Closing date for applications: 25 th April 2022 |



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www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk & www.swccharity.org

About us ...

Shepreth Wildlife Park opened to the public in 1984 as a refuge for injured and orphaned animals. Since then, it has become one of East Anglia's major attractions participating in endangered breeding programmes, and raising over £500,000 for conservation projects worldwide, working alongside Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity (SWCC).

Today, there are over 100 species to see and meet, with keeper talks and demonstrations throughout the day. Set in natural grounds, the park boasts outdoor play zones, warm tropical exhibits and a variety of unusual species.

As members of BIAZA and EAZA, the wildlife park is progressively and actively committed to its animals and conservation, and to educating the next generation of conservationists. Our conservation work covers an amazing biodiversity of species and habitats. We are strongly committed to education and have a well-established and multi award-winning education facility offering both on-site and outreach services. The park is also paving the way as a local champion in Green Tourism, having been credited with the GoldStar Award for its environmental awareness and practices.

The associated charity, SWCC, was founded in 2011 and in addition to raising funds for global conservation, it hosts a very busy 'Hedgehog Hospital', rescuing and re-habilitating hundreds of hedgehogs every year.