

West Coast Estate

This is a unique opportunity for an estate worker and housekeeper to join an established 14,000-acre crofting estate on a secluded peninsula on the west coast of Scotland. The roles detailed are ideally suited for a couple; however single applications may be considered.

The main centre of operations for the estate is situated in Tarbet Bay. Comprising of various self-catering holiday cottages, the client's principle property, workshops and staff accommodation. The self-catering accommodation is let out during the summer season, however they require ongoing maintenance year round.

Properties at Tarbet Bay include the client's principle residence, staff accommodation (White House), a holiday cottage (Wee House), the church and bothy, workshop and generator shed.

There are a further three holiday cottages located on the shores of the loch, East of Tarbet Bay (Post Office, School House & Bothy), along with an estate garden.

Access

The secluded nature of the estate means that it is only accessible by boat or walking. This is approximately a 40-minute boat trip from Mallaig.

Accommodation

Employees are offered The White house within the terms of employment, which is located in Tarbet Bay. This is a three-bedroom farmhouse inclusive of heating, Wi-Fi and council tax.

Positions

Housekeeper & estate employee. The positions available would ideally be suitable for a couple. Job description and responsibilities can be found detailed below.

Start Date

We would be looking to employ the successful candidates to begin April 2021.

Estate Employee

Role

We are looking for a diligent and enthusiastic estate worker to help with various roles around the estate. The applicant must be friendly and hard working as they will be working within a small team in a rural and remote location.

The successful candidate will be working alongside the Estate Manager and will undertake jobs including labouring, building projects, property maintenance, garden and ground maintenance around the estate.

Responsibilities

- General estate tasks
- Labouring/ general assistance with building projects on the estate
- Farm work including livestock handling, culling and processing
- Grounds and fence maintenance
- Helping with the letting of the holiday cottages & assisting in the changeover of properties
- Gardening & grounds maintenance
- General supervision and caretaking of the properties

Experience

- Building and construction
- Property maintenance
- Garden & ground maintenance
- Boat skills (not essential as onsite training will be provided)
- Chainsaw
- Farm Work

Skills & Abilities

- Spoken English
- Comfortable in remote, rural locations
- Self-motivated
- Active and hands on attitude
- Able to work within a team and individually
- Flexible work patterns including occasional weekends, evening and bank holidays
- Drivers licence

Pay

- £20,000 per annum

Holiday Entitlements

- 28 days per annum

Contract

- Seasonal contract available with the opportunity to extend

Housekeeper

Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic and diligent housekeeper to help manage a range of properties including 4 holiday cottages, church and bothy and the main estate house. The applicant must be friendly and hard working as they will be working closely within a small team.

As well as managing the properties, the applicant must be able to enhance the desired ambience of the estate. The applicant must be willing to work alone, however assistance will be provided where needed.

The successful applicant will be required to carry out a range of roles during employment in addition to housekeeping duties, including providing administrative support, updating social media pages, assisting with marketing, light farm and garden work. Onsite training will be provided, such as quad biking, boat handling and first aid training. Opportunities to gain extra qualifications can be sought after.

Responsibilities

- Responsible for the running of the holiday cottage and the letting of the main estate house
- Enhancing the desired ambience of the estate properties
- Client care & liaising between guests, booking companies and office
- Laundry & changeover procedures
- Assistance with the gardens around the estate that are used for produce for the owner and estate workers
- Light farm work occasionally
- Updating social media pages

Experience

- Previous housekeeping experience, preferable holiday cottages/ lodges/ chalets with customer contact and care
- Boat Experience (not essential as onsite training will be provided)

Skills & Abilities

- High level of client care
- Practical, diligent and hardworking
- Ability to work within a team and alone
- Comfortable in remote, rural locations
- Excellent people skills & attention to detail
- Spoken English
- Basic IT and social media skills

Pay

- £16,700 per annum

Holiday Entitlements

- 28 days per annum

Contract

- Seasonal contract available with the opportunity to extend