

Brief for Education Delivery for *Understanding the Central Chilterns* project

Part of the Chalk, Cherries and Chairs landscape partnership project

Overview of Chalk, Cherries and Chairs

Chalk, Cherries and Chairs (CCC) is an exciting new partnership Scheme led by the Chilterns Conservation Board. The five-year Scheme has been awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £2.4m and will deliver a suite of projects across three key themes: Wildlife & Landscape, Heritage & Landscape and People, Communities & Landscape.

Further supported by a wide range of partners and funders, Chalk, Cherries and Chairs is the most ambitious landscape scale Scheme in the Chilterns to date. The scheme aims to leave a lasting legacy of improved conservation and land management, partnership working and community engagement.

Volunteering, learning, digital media and providing small grants to encourage community initiatives, will run across all the projects of the Scheme. The partnership includes a wide range of organisations – ranging from UK-wide charities to local community groups. For more information on Chalk, Cherries and Chairs, see <https://www.chilternsaonb.org/about-chilterns/landscape-partnership-scheme.html>

Overview of Understanding the Central Chilterns

As part of the *Chalk, Cherries and Chairs* project Amersham Museum, in partnership with Wycombe Museum, is delivering a schools project for KS2. This project is called *Understanding the Central Chilterns*. It is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Ernest Cook Trust. We are looking for an experienced education consultant to develop and deliver the project.

Understanding the Central Chilterns is an education programme for Key Stage 2 children at schools local to the *Chalk, Cherries and Chairs* area. It will teach children how the Chiltern's natural resources have supported local industry and communities and impacted on the location, type and development of settlements. The project's primary purpose is to inspire the next generation of local children to feel a connection with the special qualities of the Central Chilterns landscape.

Project Aims:

1. Educate school children about their local landscape and the significance of its history and geography on the current day settlements (and what the material culture in museums and the heritage landscapes tells us about how the Chilterns have been used in the past)
2. Provide knowledge and resources for teachers at local schools to incorporate the local landscape into local studies
3. Enthuse more local families to explore the local landscape and to visit local museums.

The Brief

To develop and deliver a formal education programme focusing on how the local area's natural resources have affected the settlement of people and the development of industry. It will involve working closely with Amersham Museum's curator and liaising with staff at Wycombe Museum.

A workspace is available at Amersham Museum but some work can also be undertaken from home.

The work will include

- Developing the programme in consultation with local schools and staff at Amersham and Wycombe Museum
- Working, primarily, with primary schools who have not visited either museum. Contact the schools and make outreach visits into schools, including CDP sessions and staff meetings
- Booking and delivering visits with identified schools, with all sessions in years 1-3 delivered in school
- Promote and book repeat visits to the museums in years 4 and 5
- Developing two complementary loan boxes, including handling objects, which can be used by local schools
- Developing a schools pack, which includes suggestions for pre and post-visit work and is available online
- Develop and deliver an end of project celebration event
- Evaluating the project with participating schools and submit the results to Amersham Museum
- Working within a budget and submitting regular progress reports to Amersham Museum

Timing and Fee

This contract will start in September 2019. The overall fee for the five years for this commission is £16,400 including VAT, plus travel expenses. We estimate the work will require 82 days over 5 years.

Experience required

The contract will require a person with the following:

- Experience of developing and delivering formal education visits, including sessions and workshops for schools
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience of working in a museum or heritage environment
- An understanding the needs of different audiences
- An interest in local history, historic objects and oral history
- An understanding of the Chilterns and their development would be helpful

This person will be required to have a DBS check, Public Liability Insurance and must be able to get to a variety of locations in the Central Chilterns.

Applications

Please respond to the brief with a proposal, which includes the following:

- A demonstration of your understanding of the brief
- Your relevant experience
- Your CV and two contacts for references
- Examples of previous, relevant work
- Your day rate, including VAT (if applicable)

The deadline for submissions is Friday 30th August. Interviews to take place week 9th September.

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