

Opportunities for Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Geological Internships

The Somerset Geology Group (SGG), in partnership with the Somerset Environmental Records Centre (SERC), is undertaking a project to review Somerset's 230 Local Geological Sites (LGS). These were formerly designated as Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS). The project is supported by several organisations including The Curry Fund of the Geologists' Association, Exmoor National Park Authority, and Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society.

To complete the desk-based site research and fieldwork for this review, SERC are seeking applications from geology undergraduates and post-graduates. The successful interns will work on a voluntary basis, but training and travelling expenses to site will be provided. The availability of an academic email account (.ac) would be useful. SERC is based at the Somerset Wildlife Trust HQ in Taunton, but interns will be required to work throughout Somerset.

We are seeking individuals able to commit at least three months of their time to the project. Fieldwork began in 2017 and is expected to continue for a further two years. Our focus in 2019 will be on sites in the Mendips and the completion of Exmoor/West Somerset.

This opportunity will be particularly suitable if you:

- have studied geology for at least two years (or similar)
- have a residential base in or near Somerset
- are on a degree course offering year-out placements
- are interested in volunteering on the project and can envisage being able to commit a reasonable number of volunteer weeks (or days over a longer period of time)
- enjoy web- and literature-based research in geology (particularly the importance of geological sites) and are comfortable with electronic-based form completion and basic GIS use (e.g. Google maps/Google Earth/Digimap)
- are interested in developing your skills in writing site assessments based on the site research backed up by field investigation of each site
- would like to be part of a project contributing to Earth Science conservation
- would simply like to keep in touch with Earth Science conservation, as part of our SGG network

To apply, please send a 2-page CV and short covering letter to Leanne Butt (SERC Manager) at leanne.butts@somerc.com by 3rd May 2019, copying in somersetgeology@gmail.com. Please indicate whether or not you hold a current full driving licence. For further details or an informal discussion, phone Leanne Butt on 01823 652446.

