Terms and Conditions

Post Title: Communications Officer (Media)

1. **Salary:** £20,074.80 per annum (£33,458 FTE) plus 9% pension contributions, based on a 21-hour working week. Annual increments of approximately 2% each year of years one to five; T&Cs apply.

2. **Duration of post:** Permanent. All employees new to Cumbria Wildlife Trust undertake a probationary period of 6 months, during which time they are expected to establish their suitability for the post.

3. **Hours per week:** 21 hours, usually worked between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday. For additional hours worked, time off in lieu is given. The Trust operates a flexi-time policy.

4. **Holidays:** 33 days per annum, including public holidays. After 1 year's continuous employment with the Trust, employees are entitled to an extra day's holiday entitlement for each subsequent complete year of service, up to a maximum of 5 extra days. Holidays are calculated pro-rata to 35 hours per week.

   The Trust has a Christmas close-down and additional ex gratia holiday entitlement is given to employees to cover the period between Christmas and New Year.

5. **Place of work:** Cumbria Wildlife Trust Headquarters at Plumgarths, Crook Road, Kendal, LA8 8LX. With regular travel to the project locations on the West Coast of Cumbria.

6. **Flexible working:** Cumbria Wildlife Trust adopts flexible working practices. Some home / flexible working will be available in line with the needs of the role.

7. **Applications:** Completed application forms should be emailed to admin@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk. CVs will not be considered.

   Postal applications should be returned to Claire Shepherd, HR Manager, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Plumgarths, Crook Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8LX.

   Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. If you have not heard anything within 14 days of the closing date, please assume your application has not been successful.

8. Closing date for applications is **09:00 am on Monday 21 December 2026.**

9. Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 13 January 2027** at Cumbria Wildlife Trust's offices at Plumgarths, Kendal.

10. Expected start date – **February 2027**

11. Applicants shortlisted for an interview will be asked to declare any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013).

    The amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found at the Disclosure and Barring Service website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service.

12. Any further enquiries should be directed to Charlotte Rowley (Head of Marketing and Communications) at CharlotteR@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk