

**Date:** March 2023  
**Position of:** Estate Forager - DITCHLEY FOUNDATION  
**Hours:** Part time Average 6 hours per week

### **Job Description**

As Estate Forager you will be responsible for gathering wild food on the Ditchley Estate creating a meaningful and ongoing relationship with the land. This will require being familiar with the sights and sounds of nature and getting to know the local landscape.

You will watch for seasonal changes across the estate to offer seasonal alternatives to the traditional globally sourced foods and work with the Lead Chef to provide natural, wild ingredients to the development of distinctly local yet world class catering offer.

### **key responsibilities**

- Search for, identify and gather a wide variety of natural food resources both in the wild and cultivated on the Estate.
- Understand food in the wild and how to use what's at Ditchley to connect our menus to the surrounding estate and promote a healthy relationship with natural foods.
- Familiarise yourself with the local area and learn with the seasons, in order to know where to find any ingredient at any time of the year.
- Support the kitchen team to make and preserve food and ingredients from the foraged items.
- Research old and new recipes to best use foraged items from across the estate.
- Build and develop relationships with other organisations and estates to develop a natural supply network locally.

### **Person specification**

#### **Essential**

- Knowledge of the countryside and using natural ingredients
- Experience of foraging or using wild food to cook
- Food Hygiene qualification- or the willingness to undertake
- motivation, enthusiasm, and willingness to undertake further training if necessary
- basic level of computer literacy
- awareness of and respect for historic nature of the house and estate
- First Aid qualification required or the willingness to undertake.
- a valid UK driver's licence
- Physically fit

#### **This role will involve:**

- Working outside in all weathers and all seasons
- Manual handling
- Lone working
- Using broad range of hand tools and equipment