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Career Summary

I am a Natural Scientist with a keen interest in environmental conservation and sustainable development, with more than 10 years' experience in the environmental sector. Having recently gained my degree, I now have the underpinning scientific knowledge as well as the practical experience to enable me to contribute more fully in the management, protection and improvement of the local environment.

Key Skills

- Excellent communication skills, both written and spoken, and the ability to make technical and scientific issues clear to a variety of people
- Good understanding of current environmental issues
- Specialist knowledge related to ornithology
- Good organisational and forward planning skills
- Competent IT skills: Microsoft Office XP, Outlook and Internet Explorer 6.0

Educational Qualifications

2001-2007	B.Sc. (Hons) 2:1 Natural Sciences with Biology	The Open University
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Courses included Animal physiology, Ecology and Evolution. A major project focused on the interaction between humans and the natural environment and the kinds of conflict which can occur.

Career History

2004- Present	Visitor Centre Manager	Sandylands Wetland Trust
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- promoting conservation issues through talks, displays and literature
- in charge of recruitment and supervision of two paid staff and 15 volunteer helpers
- organising activities and projects to encourage visitors
- reception of visitors: a major part of the job is imparting information appropriately to people with differing levels of knowledge
- preparing applications for funding

2000-2004 Conservation Assistant Springwell Wild Life Trust

- working as part of a team helping to protect the reserve
- responsible for stocktaking and ordering stationery and equipment
- dealing with visitors and enquiries about the reserve

1996-2000 Assistant Manager Cirencester Sports Shop

- supervision of 10 staff
- purchasing and budgeting
- dealing with customers and cash handling

Voluntary Work

1980 - present Member and currently chair Waverley Nature Society

- organisation of working parties for conservation work on reserves
- liaising with local authorities and the Wildlife Trust regarding project work
- ensuring satisfactory completion of project work.

1998-2001 Volunteer helper Waverley Nature Society

Helping to protect nesting ospreys at Norton Lea reserve for two weeks per year

Tasks involved informing visitors about ospreys and the conservation work on the reserve, and overnight watches to protect the birds.

1988 - 1998 Volunteer helper Waverley Nature Society

Responsible for organising and leading outings and activities for young people interested in watching birds.

Other Employment

After school I gained experience in hospitality at a hotel, which entailed serving customers and handling cash, and also in retail where I gained experience in outdoor sports equipment.

Additional Information

- When in charge of fund-raising for the Nature Society's Local Members' Group, I helped to raise £3,000 with a sponsored bird watch.
- Keen and knowledgeable birdwatcher in Britain and Europe.
- Wide sporting interests, including athletics (formerly 100 and 200 metres county champion) and squash.
- Other interests include travel, hill walking, photography and DIY projects
- Full clean driving licence.