

The Fell Runners Association

Job Description: Environment and Access Officer

Role	The Environment and Access Officer's role is to assist Race Organisers (ROs) and fell runners with all issues regarding land access ("Access") in the countryside and ensure that the FRA and ROs act responsibly with respect to environmental factors.
Main purposes of role	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that all races have the correct permissions required by the FRA and external organisations. 2. To educate fell runners on all aspects of Access to the countryside, including their rights and their responsibilities. 3. To communicate and liaise with landowners and organisations such as Natural England on consent and Access. 4. To ensure that the FRA considers the environmental impact of fell running and the wider affairs of the FRA.
Key tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate and help ROs to apply for and obtain correct permissions for their races. 2. Build good relationships with and liaise with landowners on behalf of the FRA. 3. Attend landowners' seminars and workshops to facilitate building a better understanding of their processes and requirements. 4. Build good relationships with and liaise with Natural England regarding their requirements for race permits, specifically over Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). 5. Deal with Access and environmental issues raised by Race Organisers and offer advice and guidance. 6. Write articles for FRA and landowners' publications to promote education and Access. 7. Chair the FRA's Access sub-committee and delegate tasks where appropriate.
Required skills and facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A good understanding and empathy for both fell running and landowners' situations. 2. Experience as an RO, including an understanding of Access permission requirements and procedures, would be extremely beneficial. 3. The ability to show tact regarding sensitive restoration and environmental issues when speaking to landowners and Natural England. 4. The ability to explain to ROs the regulations imposed by landowners and Natural England and how to apply successfully for permits. 5. Knowledge of Natural England's Stewardship Scheme requirements (the basics can be learnt quickly).
Required liaison	<p>Regular liaison will be required with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FRA's Access sub-committee. 2. Landowners – in particular National Trust, United Utilities, Yorkshire Water, Severn Trent and the Forestry Commission, but also private landowners. 3. Natural England – specifically the "Consultations" office in each area.