



FUNDRAISER AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

About the Warwickshire Rural Hub

Creating healthy businesses in a healthy landscape

[The Rural Hub](#) is a community interest group founded in 2003. It supports 1,300 farmer and rural business members via three strands of work:

- Signposting to topical information via its website, social media, e-newsletter, and events
- Hosting health and welfare events for farmers at the Rugby Livestock Mart café
- Running three sustainable farming groups to help members boost wildlife on productive farmland and secure environmental funding

All services are provided free of charge due to funding from a local charitable trust and 18 business supporters.

The Rural Hub is run by one part-time and home-based co-ordinator and the three sustainable farming groups are run by part-time, home-based facilitators. The voluntary Chair, Vice Chair and Board of Directors offer support. We work closely with partner organisations including Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Farming Community Network, Addington Fund, National Farmers' Union and Severn Trent.

About the Fundraiser and Business Development Consultant role

Via this newly created role, the Rural Hub aims to build a varied and sustainable funding base, grow its business supporter scheme, and ensure the long-term success of its health and welfare initiatives and sustainable farming groups. The role will report to the Chair and the Board of Directors.

We are looking to engage a consultant who will:

- Develop a comprehensive fundraising strategy
- Conduct research into possible charitable trust funding streams and submit applications where appropriate
- Cultivate relationships to grow membership of our business supporter scheme
- Identify and assess additional income generation opportunities
- Manage sponsorship for our programme of farmer seminars
- Collaborate with the Coordinator and Sustainable Farming Group facilitators

About the applicant – essential criteria

- Experience of fundraising within the non-profit sector
- Demonstratable achievement in obtaining grants and sponsorships
- Skill in establishing relationships with both corporate and individual donors
- Familiarity with alternative income generation streams
- Excellent written and spoken communication abilities
- Background of working independently in freelance or consulting roles

About the applicant – desirable criteria

- Extensive understanding of funding opportunities available in the UK
- Established connections with both charitable and corporate donors
- A passion for work related to agriculture, the environment, or wellbeing

What we are offering

1. The post is self-employed working a maximum of 10 hours/week on a flexible basis. The post holder will be expected to provide their own laptop and 'phone.
2. Hourly rate is £25.
3. The post is fixed term for 46 weeks.
4. Home based, with agreed travel to mid-Warwickshire for in-person meetings with the Chair, Board of Directors and Co-ordinator. Other meetings can be conducted online.
5. The opportunity to join a small, friendly team and become involved in supporting the farming and rural business communities of Warwickshire.

How to apply

1. Applications should be made via email to the Co-ordinator, Jane Hampson on info@ruralhub.org.uk including a statement of interest in the post plus a Curriculum Vitae.
2. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 June 2026.
3. If you've got any queries about the post or the work of the Rural Hub please contact Jane on info@ruralhub.org.uk or tel: 07780 159291.