

Sustainability Fortnight

Careers in Conservation, Ecology and Wildlife

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Clare Pugh

Senior Ecologist at [Atkins](#)



Clare Pugh is a Chartered Environmentalist and Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. Clare began her career carrying out research for the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Cardiff University, and then following a postgraduate degree in vegetation survey and assessment she moved into the field of environmental consultancy, where she has spent over 14 years as an ecologist and environment manager.

Clare is based in London and manages the ecological and environmental input to a variety of projects in the UK and overseas, with particular experience of the transportation, cities and development, and water markets. As part of her Environment Manager role Clare completed a 12-month secondment on the London 2012 Olympic Park. Clare is currently seconded to High Speed 2 (HS2), as Ecology Manager for the southern section of the route.



Gwen Buck

Policy Adviser at [Green Alliance](#)



Gwen works for environmental think tank Green Alliance as a Policy Adviser in the politics team. She leads Green Alliance's Climate Leadership Programme which aims to train a new cohort of cross party MPs to be the next climate leaders. Her role also involves working for Greener UK, focusing on post Brexit trade.

Gwen has previously worked for the Green Party where she worked as Leadership Officer, coordinating the activities of the leadership team and working at the highest levels of the party. Gwen has also worked for environmental NGO CHEM Trust and completed an internship with a Green MEP where she was based in the European Parliament in Brussels.

In her spare time she volunteers with the Art not Oil coalition whose aim is to rid some of our most loved cultural institutions from oil sponsorship through creative protest. She holds a BSc in Environmental Science from Plymouth University.

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Dave Kirby

Associate Ecologist at [WPS](#)



Dave is currently employed as an Associate Ecologist at a company called WSP, which provides consultancy services to the built and natural environment. In his current role, he performs technical duties, such as undertaking botanical surveys, and consultancy services, such as advising clients on biodiversity law and policy and guiding them through the process of an ecological impact assessment. Dave is originally from South Africa, where he did his undergraduate studies in Environmental Science. He moved across to the UK in 2006 and has been working as a consultant ecologist in one form or another ever since. He also completed a Masters degree in Biological Recording in 2017, which focused on botany.

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Francesca Trotman

Founder and Managing Director of [Love The Oceans](#)



With a Masters in Marine Biology Francesca has always had a passion for marine life. An avid diver since the age of 13, Francesca's main passion has always been sharks, although she is interested in all aspects of marine life. Results orientated, Francesca constantly encourages people to consider conservation in everyday life and take a greener approach to modern living. She oversees the majority of the programs in country and spends most of her time in Mozambique.

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