



AXE BRUE, PARRETT & NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS
INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

Deputy Area Supervisor - Salary Range £22,571 - £25,927

The Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium is the organisation that manages the operations and affairs of three Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) in Somerset. The main activities of the Boards are to manage water levels and Flood Risk within their respective catchments for the protection of people, property and the environment.

We provide water level management services to the public across large parts of the County. This includes the Somerset Levels and Moors and urban districts including Sedgemoor, South Somerset, North Somerset, Mendip, Taunton and Somerset West.

The successful applicant will assist in the management of water levels and maintenance contractors for the purposes of flood defence and the environment, in accordance with Water Level Management Plans and other operational plans

Duties will include

- Undertaking routine inspection of all Viewed Rhynes and maintain an oversight of Ordinary Watercourses within the SDBC Boards Districts.
- Ensuring all Board culverts and weed screens are kept clear of blockages.
- Supervision of Viewed Rhyme maintenance works and asset repairs undertaken by Contractors to ensure they have consistent standards of work, operate to safe working practices and operate in accordance with their Contract requirements and specifications.
- Ensuring water levels are maintained within designated levels in accordance with Water Level Management Plans and other operational plans or as directed by the Board, by operating Board control structures such as Sluices and Tilting Weirs.
- Reporting and recording all defects (repairs and renewals) and non-routine maintenance requirements to the Operations Manager or Contracts Manager.

- Acting as a point-of-contact on communications and liaison with Ratepayers, local residents and land owners, including to ensure access for annual maintenance.
- Investigating incidents involving flood risk or water level management, and assisting in the enforcement of breaches of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Board's Byelaws.

About you

You will have good interpersonal communication skills, the ability to record and present information clearly, and be competent in the use of Microsoft Office applications.

We are looking for someone with experience of (or is willing to learn)

- Working in a rural environment.
- Supporting small works and construction projects.
- Knowledge of Watercourses and the Drainage network in Somerset.
- An understanding of the functions of Internal Drainage Boards.
- Experience of watercourse maintenance activities.
- A Full Driving License
- Knowledge in Health & Safety legislation and procedures.

In return we offer a comprehensive benefits package that includes

- A competitive salary dependant on experience
- A Local Government pension scheme
- Generous Annual Leave

For more information or to discuss the post further please send you CV and Covering Letter to jobs@somersetdb.co.uk or contact us on 01278 789906