

Forestry Commission's New Deer Management Team

Following the decision to bring deer management work in house from April 2020 (at the end of the current Collaborative Deer Management Grant in March 2020), the Forestry Commission is pleased to announce that after a very competitive recruitment process appointments have been made to the newly created Deer Officers and Deer Advisor posts.

Alastair Boston, Jamie Cordery and David Hooton have been recruited to the Deer Officer posts in the North West & West Midlands, the South East & London and in the East and East Midlands respectively.

As the Deer Initiative's Deer Liaison Officers Alastair, Jamie and David have excellent stakeholder relationships and networks across the deer community, and bring a very strong understanding of the issues in their areas and a wealth of experience to the role. The Deer Officers will be based in the respective Area Teams.

David Jam, currently the Executive Director of the Deer Initiative, has been appointed to the post of Deer Advisor to provide national oversight to our deer management work and take the lead on the development of current and future policy, regulations and incentives.

The Advisor and the Officers will work in co-operation with Forestry England, Natural England and other key partners including members of the DI Partnership, to enable collaborative, landscape scale deer management that makes a real difference in reducing the negative impact of deer on woodlands.

FC and NE want to reiterate our appreciation of the DI Ltd staff for their continued professionalism and commitment in completing the delivery of the Collaborative Deer Management Grant, and look forward to welcoming Alastair, Jamie, David and David to the FC team in April 2020.