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# An opportunity like no other

Assistant Director – Operations  
East of England





## Bringing amazing places to life

For what will be 125 years in 2020, we've shared and cared for everything from coastlines to art collections, forests to fens, mansion houses to mills and moorland all across England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the benefit of the nation. We restore, protect and share special places for everyone to enjoy and we'll continue to look after them for everyone, for ever.

# Partnering to share and look after for our future

As one of our Assistant Directors, providing leadership for our General Managers and property teams in the East of England region, you will provide support, leadership and direction for an outstanding portfolio of special places across Essex, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Included in this inspiring portfolio are:

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## Wimpole Hall

A unique working estate, with an impressive mansion at its heart. Intimate rooms contrast with beautiful and unexpected Georgian interiors, including Soane's breathtaking Yellow Drawing Room and wonderful plunge bath. The fascinating basement corridor offers a glimpse into life below stairs. Step outside to enjoy acres of parkland, miles of walks, a vibrant kitchen garden and rare breed farm.

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## Wicken Fen

Britain's oldest nature reserve and most famous fen, Wicken Fen supports over 9000 species of plants and wildlife. The Wicken Fen Vision is an ambitious plan to add to the current reserve by creating a diverse landscape for wildlife and people stretching from Wicken Fen to the edge of Cambridge.

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## Anglesey Abbey

A passion for tradition and impressing guests inspired one man to transform a run-down country house and desolate landscape. Journey back to the golden age of country house living with Lord Fairhaven. The stunning gardens boast spectacular colours and scents throughout the seasons.

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## Dunstable Downs

Stand on top of Dunstable Downs for a view that will simply take your breath away. There are several sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) designated for the quality of the chalk grasslands and the wildlife that it supports. The site boasts two Scheduled Ancient Monuments (Five Knolls and Medieval Rabbit Warrens) and many other historical features.

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## Ashridge Estate

Ancient trees, rolling chalk downlands and lush meadows in an area of outstanding natural beauty. These very different landscapes each support a rich variety of wildlife, including carpets of bluebells in spring, rare butterflies in summer and fallow deer that rut in autumn.

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## Flatford Mill

Nestled by the River Stour, the hamlet of Flatford is home to many of the iconic views that inspired John Constable's paintings.

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## Hatfield Forest

Hatfield Forest is the best surviving example in Britain of an almost complete Royal Hunting Forest. It has seen many owners, from Kings to commoners. No other forest on earth evokes the atmosphere of a medieval hunting forest so completely.

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## Lavenham Guildhall

One of the most spectacular timber framed buildings of medieval England at the heart of village life. Set in the lovely village of Lavenham, the Guildhall of Corpus Christi tells the story of one of the best-preserved and wealthiest towns in Tudor England.

# Natural people leader, creative visionary

Being an Assistant Director at the National Trust is more than just a job. It's about providing leadership, direction and support for our General Managers, property teams and the broader region.

We're looking after the places that make the East of England unique and special, from dynamic coastlines to country houses and sites rich in nature. As part of our senior regional leadership team, you'll play a key role in delivering our strategy throughout the region, as we focus on our land, outdoors and nature, and set out to improve the role that urban places have in people's lives. You will have an entrepreneurial spirit. You will be able to spot new opportunities to extend the National Trust's work to new audiences and places.

When it comes to your teams, you'll be there to motivate, coach, support and inspire them every day. You'll love working with people and you'll appreciate all we have to offer, so you'll want to share it with our visitors, supporters and new audiences. With the ability to think strategically and creatively, as well as experience of leading multiple teams and managing operations, you'll be well equipped to deliver change across the organisation. Most of all, you'll create a positive motivational and collaborative work environment, enabling people to give their best.





# How to apply

Please visit our website [www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk) and search for the vacancy reference IRC87258.

The closing date for the role is 28th January 2020 with the first stage telephone interviews diarised for the w/c 10th February 2020.

If you are successful at the telephone interview stage, you will be invited to an assessment centre on 26th February 2020.

If you would like to discuss the role further, please call a member of the Resourcing Team on 0370 240 0274.

# Acknowledgements

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Parterre Garden at Wimpole Estate, Cambridgeshire, East of England in Autumn.

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Woodland in the spring at Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill, Cambridgeshire.

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View of Quy Water, a small river running through the grounds of Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire.

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