

Role: Visitor Services Supervisor – Food & Beverage	Region / Department: North-East
Reports to: Visitor Services Manager – Food & Beverage	Pay Band: Grade 3 Lower £28,228 - £30,118 pro-rata, per annum.
Location: Pitmedden Garden, Ellon, AB41 7PD	Type of Contract: Fixed-Term Until October 2026. Full-Time, 40 Hours Per Week. Variable shift patterns including weekend work.

JOB PURPOSE

To provide operational delivery of the visitor experience and supervision in the Food & Beverage department at **Pitmedden Gardens** and on-site Events in line with the Trust's policies. Delivering Performance standards and targets to ensure enjoyment of the property by visitors and members is maximised and key commercial, financial and development objectives are achieved to make the property fully sustainable.

The Visitor Services Supervisor at a Trust property plays a pivotal role ensuring that the management objectives are achieved through excellent customer service and with delegated responsibility for catering duty management is very often the face of the Trust to visitors. As such directly influences public perceptions of the Trust and is significant to developing and maintaining the property's reputation.

This role requires weekend working and at times may require the post holder to work evenings to cover events.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

Supervising/undertaking the day-to-day operation of the property and environs to ensure excellent customer/visitor experience. This includes supervision of:

Catering Operation

- Lead with menu development and the preparation and presentation of a high-quality food and drink offer.
- Ensure compliance with health and safety, food hygiene, food allergen, licensing and environmental health standards, completing all related record-keeping.
- Assist with food led events throughout the year to support overall business goals.

Visitor experience

- Offer excellent customer service and ensure all members of the team do the same.
- Support property-wide targets for completion of visitor surveys to understand more about our visitors.
- Act as one of our duty management team, responsible for ensuring a safe and smooth visitor operation, opening/closing the visitor attraction, addressing issues, emergency procedure and providing relief cover, as required.

Line management of Visitor Services Assistants – Food and Beverage

- Duty management responsibility includes opening and closing of all on-site facilities.
- Ensure the property social account is managed to generate interest and help drive visitor engagement.
- Support the informal learning and community engagement and outreach programme.
- Security of the Property.
- Ensuring the completion of cash/till reconciliation.
- End of week reports and reconciliation.
- Ensure health and safety procedures, emergency procedures, and environmental procedures are followed.

- Deputising for the Visitor Services Manager on-site and off-site as required.
- Recruitment; induction; development; and management of all Food and beverage visitor services employees and volunteers. Ensuring that they understand role responsibilities and are equipped to fulfill the role to the standards required.
- Ensure the team feel valued, respected, motivated and supported.
- Supervising the activities of a team of permanent and seasonal Visitor Service Assistants (VSAs), achieving excellent staff performance and motivation through induction, training, task-setting and coaching on front and back of house.

Working closely with other managers across the Property to deliver a programme of visitor events, which increase visitor numbers, drive secondary spends and support overall Property targets.

Instil a Health and Safety culture across the property, ensuring the teamwork within the property's 'Safe System of Work' to reduce risk of incidents and accidents to volunteers, employees and visitors.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Qualifications

Essential

- Significant previous experience of working in an operations role in the hospitality industry – including supervision of staff and/or responsibility for specific activities.
- Previous event coordination/management experience.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Excellent organisational, administrative and time-management skills with the ability to prioritise and re-prioritise workload to meet changing demands.
- An understanding and commitment to the aims and objectives of the National Trust for Scotland.
- Access to own transport and full Driving License.

Desirable

- Food and Hygiene Qualification.
- Current First Aid certification.
- A formal qualification in Catering, Hospitality, Tourism or Event Management.
- Barista trained.
- The ability to think and act quickly when confronted with emergencies.
- Competent user of Microsoft Office products.

DIMENSIONS AND SCOPE OF JOB

Finance Management

- Share responsibility for achieving the catering budget together with the F&B Manager.
- Monitor commercial performance and adjust activities to capitalize on sales opportunities and run a cost-effective catering operation.
- Supervise daily café till operations and perform end-of-day income reconciliation.
- Assist the F&B Manager with menu costing and stock-taking.
- Supervise active record-keeping in line with Environmental Health requirements

Tools / equipment / systems

- Access to laptop and relevant online people management, training, financial monitoring and stock ordering systems, including NTS intranet and Microsoft 365.

- EPOS tills and chip and pin machines.
- Fully equipped commercial catering kitchens.
- Use of internal finance and banking systems.

Performance indicators and targets

- Weekly, monthly and annual sales and cost of sales targets.
- Food compliance standards and record-keeping.
- Visitor enjoyment reviews and ratings from visitor surveys and visitor feedback.

The Purpose, Context, Key Responsibilities, and Person Specification reflect the requirements of the job at the time of issue. The Trust reserves the right to amend these with appropriate consultation and/or request the post-holder to undertake any activities that it believes to be reasonable within the broad scope of the job or his/her general abilities.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should forward their Curriculum Vitae (CV) or an Application Form to the People Services Department (Applications) by email via **workforus@nts.org.uk** by **Friday 20th February 2026**.

Please ensure your CV includes your full name and contact details, the CV file sent to us should be titled your first initial and surname. When submitting your CV please state the position and job location of the vacancy you are applying for in the subject title or body of your email: For example, "**VSS – Food & Beverage – Pitmedden Gardens**".