

Arboricultural Association – Chief Executive Officer

**Gloucestershire, with travel to London and throughout the UK.
Salary - £65,000**

With around 3200 members, the Arboricultural Association is the largest and most established membership organisation for arboriculturists in the UK.

The Arboricultural Association can trace its roots back to 1964. Ten years on the two groups of local government tree officers and commercial tree surgeons amalgamated to form the Arboricultural Association of today. The aims were to provide comprehensive representation of local government, commercial and lay interests. It is the largest body in the UK for the amenity tree care professional. We have set our mission to be the UK's undisputed voice on arboriculture, and we hold to the five values of Influence, Impact, Inspiration, Integrity and Independence.

Working with the Board, the next CEO will have both challenges and opportunities. They will include continuing support to our members in a post-covid world, building on what we have learned over the past year, continuing to raise our profile with both government and the public, and setting a new 3-year strategy starting in 2022.

We are looking for an outstanding candidate who will build on the excellent work of our retiring Chief Executive and work with the Board to maximize current and future opportunities.

The Role and Main Responsibilities:

- Ensure the AA achieves its overall strategic and charitable objectives, by developing the strategy in partnership with the Board and the effective delivery of agreed annual Business plans.
- Responsible for delivering the organisation's business plan and ensuring that the Arboricultural Association has the resources and profile to be successful in the present environment.
- Ensure the Arboricultural Association's staff and volunteers are focused on achieving its mission and aims.
- Ensure long term sustainability, through effective governance, sound finance and delivery of services.
- Prepare an annual budget for agreement by the Board and keep the Board updated throughout the year.
- Preparation of the annual accounts and preparation of the annual report working alongside the treasurer.

What we are looking for in interested candidates:

- Recent and extensive experience of operating at a senior management level in an organisation/business.
- An understanding of working within the charitable sector.
- Able to build productive relationships with Board members.
- An awareness of current environmental issues.
- Skills and competence to provide leadership to enable, develop and motivate staff and to proactively manage performance.

Please apply by visiting www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings and following the instructions in the candidate brief quoting reference U0301. The closing date is 5pm on 26 April.

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