



### **Agricultural Consultant**

Symonds & Sampson LLP is a multi-disciplinary professional services and property firm covering the South-West of England with over 150 forward-thinking experts across 17 regional offices.

Our Chartered Surveyors, Professional Staff and Agents provide a full range of services for our predominantly rural client base. Due to a period of sustained growth, an outstanding opportunity has arisen to become a key member of the team at Symonds & Sampson.

We are recruiting an experienced individual to join our Professional Services team, based in Dorchester and servicing the surrounding areas. We are looking for an enthusiastic, determined, and driven individual to take the lead on rural grant schemes and practical farm management. As well as working with clients to prepare business plans and rent tenders.

The successful candidate will be part of a developing and growing team, as well as building strong relationships with existing clients, developing new work and providing practical advice on a one-to-one basis.

#### **The role and responsibilities:**

- Undertake Sustainable Farming Incentives and other Grant Aid applications and oversee the management of these agreements.
- Provide practical Farm Management advice to our farm and estate-owning clients.
- Prepare reports and budgets to support tenders for FBTs, CFAs and SFAs.
- Provide technical advice and complete records for NVZ's, Soil and Nutrient Management plans.
- Supporting farm businesses with reviewing accounts and preparing business plans.
- You will be expected to build strong relationships with all customers and provide independent and practical advice on a one-to-one basis.
- Working collaboratively with all other professionals in all departments.

#### **The skills we are looking for in you:**

- Qualified through a relevant university course, preferably agriculture-related - FACTS or BASIS desirable but not essential.
- A minimum of 3 years of relevant experience and a sound working knowledge of both the arable and livestock sectors.
- A full working knowledge of DEFRA's grants and subsidies and an awareness of private sector funding (Wessex Water).
- A working knowledge of nutrient issues and reporting (NVZ records, NLT & ACT returns, Nutrient Mitigation, etc) is desirable but not essential.
- IT Proficient.
- Self-motivated and ambitious.
- Commercially astute and capable of generating new business.
- Capable of working with a high degree of autonomy.
- Car owner with full UK driving licence

- Good interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively with colleagues and clients, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to manage time effectively, prioritising tasks to meet deadlines.
- To be organised and methodically, with a high level of attention to detail.
- Ability to accept responsibility and work on their initiative whilst adhering to company policies and procedures.

**In return**

- A competitive salary dependent on experience
- Training and subscriptions of professional bodies and any additional qualifications required
- The opportunity to take on an established client base and progress career
- Holiday starting at 30 days per year, including bank holidays and increasing with long service
- Work-based pension scheme
- Company events

For further details of Careers and Training with Symonds & Sampson, please visit <https://www.symondsandsampson.co.uk/training-with-symonds-and-sampson>

**Terms**

**Starting Date** – As soon as possible but negotiable for the right candidate

**Hours** – Full Time

**Salary** – A competitive salary dependent on experience

**Location** – In person, Burraton House Office, Poundbury, Dorset

**Closing Date** – 7 March 2025. The closing date may be brought forward when we receive a high volume of applications. To avoid disappointment, we suggest submitting your application promptly.

For further information, please get in touch with George Whittaker by email ([gwhittaker@symondsandsampson.co.uk](mailto:gwhittaker@symondsandsampson.co.uk)) or by phone on 01305 236237

**Applications** - To apply for the role, please send your CV with covering letter to George Whittaker AssocRICS FAAV MBIAC CEnv Symonds & Sampson LLP, Burraton House, 5 Burraton Square, Poundbury, Dorset DT1 3GR or by email (as above).

**The Office** - The Burraton House Office is located just off Middle Farm Way, within walking distance of shops, parks and eateries. It is home to the Agricultural, Professional, Commercial, Compliance, Marketing and Accounts departments.

**No Agencies**