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Chrissy Mason MCIEEM is a qualified planning ecologist with over 20 years' professional Environmental Management experience within the public, private and charity sectors.

Posts include positions with Hertfordshire Countryside Management Service, Dartmoor National Park Authority and Devon County Council. Chrissy holds a Masters in Ecological Impact Assessment (Distinction) specialising in planning ecology including Habitats Regulations

Assessment with previous experience and a continued interest in community engagement, green infrastructure and protected landscapes. Chrissy also has a life-long passion for projects connecting people to their natural environment to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Key Skills

Project Management, Planning Ecology (spatial and development management), Landscape Scale Ecology including Heritage Lottery

Landscape Partnership programme delivery, Protected Area Management, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Green infrastructure planning and

project delivery, Visitor and recreation management, Tourism and Transport, Community Engagement, Public Inquiry Expert Witness.

Qualifications and Accreditations

MSc Ecological Impact Assessment (Distinction)

BSc Environmental Studies (2:1) Institute of Leisure & Amenity management Prize

Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)

Mental Health First Aid Champion

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Professional Experience

Lead Planning & Technical Ecologist Burton Reid Associates

June 2020-Present

Senior Ecologist Devon County Council

June 2018-June 2020 (full-time)

Naturally Healthy Project Support Officer

Dartmoor National Park Authority
Jan 2017-Jan 2018 (part-time)

Community Ecologist Dartmoor HLF Landscape Partnership Moor than meets the eye

(Dartmoor National Park Authority)
Jan 2015 to Jan 2018 (part-time)

Planning Ecologist Dartmoor National Park Authority

Jan 2016-Jan 2017 (part-time)

National Park Ecologist Dartmoor National Park Authority

April 2014 to March 2015 (part-time)

Director Masons Consulting Limited

October 2011-March 2014

Ecological and Environmental Education Sub-contractor

Nov 2007-Oct 2011

Tourism & Recreational Transport Officer

Dartmoor National Park Authority
2000-2006

Countryside Management Projects Officer Hertfordshire & Barnet Management Service

1996-2000

Countryside Ranger Hertfordshire & Barnet Countryside Management Service

1994-1996

Environmental Technician Parc Naturel Regional des Volcans d'Auvergne France

Mar-Sept 1993

Assistant Scientific Officer Institute of Terrestrial Ecology

Sept 1992-Feb 1993

Selected Project Experience

Teignbridge Local Plan Review 2020- 2040 (Regulation 19) HRA

During 2022 completed a full Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (HRA Screening and Appropriate Assessment) for Teignbridge Local Plan Review 2020-2040. This involved full screening of development management policies and preferred options site allocations and a detailed appropriate assessment of effects and mitigation requirements on 8 Habitats Sites (South Hams SAC, Dartmoor SAC, South Dartmoor Woods SAC, East Devon Heaths SPA, East Devon Pebblebed Heaths SAC, South Hams SAC, Dawlish Warren SAC, Lyme Bay and Torbay SAC).

South Hams SAC HRA SPD 2018 - 2019

Whilst working as Senior Ecologist for Devon County Council I jointly coordinated development, stakeholder consultation of South Hams SAC.

Supplementary Planning Document working with 5 LPAs. The document was formally adopted through the planning committees of the partner LPAs as planning guidance. The document was awarded a special commendation by Association of Local Government Ecologist (ALGE) Silver Anniversary Awards in December 2019.

Moor than meets the eye - Dartmoor HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme 2015-2018

Engaged local communities and stakeholders to deliver biodiversity elements of Dartmoor's 5 year Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme. Key projects included Natural Connections (landscape scale wet valley habitat management) and Postbridge Haymeadows including delivery of events programs.

Dartmoor Naturally Healthy Project 2017-2018

Project coordinator for award winning Dartmoor Naturally Healthy Project working with people with low physical and emotional health in Buckfastleigh, an area of deprivation. Enabling under-represented groups to access opportunities and activities to enable contact with nature and greenspace.