

## **Susan White BA BSc MIEEM Senior ornithologist**

### **Academic qualifications**

BSc (Hons) Environmental Conservation and Countryside Management 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Nottingham Trent University 2006  
Winner of Vice Chancellor's Award 2006  
BA (Hons) Philosophy 2.1 University of Stirling 1990  
Diploma in Education

Full member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

### **Work profile**

Susan has more than twelve years professional experience in ecology, working for both voluntary and private sector organisations in a range of roles. As a consultant ecologist she has undertaken field work, provided technical reports and submitted licence applications for a diverse range of projects including ecological impact assessments, habitat creation and habitat restoration schemes. Susan has particular experience in the preparation of site management plans, the delivery of wind farm projects and ornithological impact assessment. She holds Natural England licences for work with great crested newts and bats.

While working for the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Susan contributed to major research programmes on the behaviour of wintering barnacle geese around the Solway Firth and mapping of breeding common scoter sites in Caithness and Sutherland. Susan's role while working for the Scottish Wildlife Trust evolved from assistant ranger to ranger team supervisor providing her with an excellent grounding in nature reserve and protected species management.

Susan spent six years in the public sector managing projects running in partnership with independent voluntary sector service providers.

### **Skills and Training**

- Ecological survey
- Habitat management, creation and design
- Site management plans
- Ornithological survey and impact assessment
- Protected species: survey, assessment, mitigation and licensing
- Project planning, management and budgets

### **Employment history**

#### Baker Consultants (2009 – present).

Susan is a senior ecologist managing projects including large-scale wind farm proposals, hotel and resort developments and housing developments. Susan is involved with the projects from survey design and field work through to reporting and the submission of Environmental Impact Assessments.

Baker Shepherd Gillespie (2006 – 2009).

After undertaking field work on behalf of BSG while an undergraduate, Susan worked as an Ecologist and then Senior Ecologist delivering a range of ecological site surveys, European Protected Species licence applications and contributing in the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments. During this time Susan developed her expertise in ornithological survey, the delivery of wind farm projects and conservation management plans for clients including Severn Trent Water.

Nottinghamshire Probation Service and voluntary sector organisations (1997-2003).

Project development and management, including staff and finance.

Scottish Wildlife Trust (1995-1997).

Ranger team supervisor in Dumfries and Galloway supporting local voluntary groups in reserve management. Duties included liaising with statutory and other voluntary sector organisations and supervising a team of estate workers.

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (1994-1995).

Research assistant on the barnacle goose and common scoter projects which included undertaking a range of related field work in remote and challenging environments and the accurate presentation of results.

Scottish Wildlife Trust (1992-1994).

Assistant ranger/ranger undertaking species protection work (breeding osprey), visitor management, education and interpretation and biological record keeping.

**Additional information**

Natural England licensed bat worker.

Natural England great crested newt licensed surveyor.

Has held various European Protected Species development licenses.