



THE DARTMOOR SHEPHERD

Sewing Machinist (previous experience desirable but not essential).

Part time (initially 3 days per week). Opportunity for increased hours in peak periods.

The Dartmoor Shepherd is currently a small and very successful company with big ambitions to grow. After a very busy year that has seen us begin the construction of our own workshop/studio space we are looking to add a key role to The Dartmoor Shepherd Team as we look to bring some elements of our product production 'in house'. This role is for a dynamic individual to join our team to help handcraft a range of our own sheepskin products. Experience in any sort of machine stitching would be preferred but is not essential as long as the applicant is keen and eager to learn and they embrace the company ethos with passion.

We are looking for a reliable, hard-working and creative individual with good attention to detail who is keen to work with us to further build our brand. We are offering the chance to earn a competitive wage in a role that should grow and develop as our business continues to flourish. The wage will be subject to your experience with the possibility of increasing as your product manufacturing ability improves and targets are met. You will be working with modern stitching machines and equipment. You will be working from a new and comfortable on farm studio space with stunning views over the surrounding Dartmoor National Park. The studio is located on a 60 acre parcel of land nestled on the banks of the river Teign on the outskirts of Chagford, Dartmoor (1 mile from the town centre). The studio space is purpose built with large windows looking out onto the moor and is equipped with a new kitchen, log burner and underfloor heating. Free parking is provided. The land around the studio is very much a working farm and therefore the successful applicant must be respectful of this but will be more than welcome to enjoy the perks of working from an on farm studio, such as being surrounded by lambs in the spring, enjoying walks over the land and taking lunch in the orchards or by the river etc. if they wish to.

Role: the successful applicant will stitch a range of sheepskin, leather and woollen products the company currently manufactures, adhering to The Dartmoor Shepherd's high quality standards.

The successful applicant will:

- Accurately cut and sew together the component parts for a range of products using different industrial sewing and/or cutting machinery ensuring that quality standards are maintained at all times, working to meet set targets.
- Work as part of a small, close-knit team, and communicate effectively with colleagues to ensure the flow of work is consistent and in line with production requirements.
- Carry out daily production duties inline with safety guidance ensuring quality is maintained at all times.
- Prioritise urgent work, as detailed by management.
- Be open and adaptable to change as new products are developed.

- Trial stitch new products and even contribute your own design ideas.
- Sit in on design meetings with management to discuss the development of new products.
- Assist with the delivery of raw materials into the studio, accurately checking deliveries against purchase orders; checking for quality & suitability and pointing out any concerns.
- Monitor stock levels of raw materials needed to manufacture the required products alerting management when stock levels become low.
- The successful applicant will be part of a small team and therefore, at times, would be expected to help in other areas of the business. Flexibility and willingness to do so are essential. These areas may cover: manning our retail shop on an occasional basis (based in Chagford Square).
- Helping process, pack and ship online and/or wholesale orders.
- Very occasionally assisting with the checking of sheep flocks in the fields surrounding the studio (training will be provided).
- Occasionally answering the studio phone and noting down any messages.

The successful candidate will comply with wider company policies on:

- Health and safety within the workplace.
- Employment law within the workplace ensuring all procedures are fairly and safely applied across the company without prejudice.
- Maintain regular, consistent and professional attendance, punctuality and personal appearance.
- Maintain good working relationships with your colleagues throughout the business.

Essential qualities and attitudes:

- An enthusiastic, positive and flexible approach to work
- Close alignment with the values of The Dartmoor Shepherd
- Pride in your work showing great attention to detail
- Being a good team player
- Using initiative to solve problems as and when they arise
- Being able to work accurately under pressure
- Being friendly and approachable (meetings will occasionally be hosted at the studio space where the successful applicant will be required to engage politely with any visitors).

If you are interested in this role, please forward your CV along with a covering letter/email to flora@thedartmoorshepherd.co.uk please ensure the email subject is titled "Sewing Machinist - Job Application".