



### **About Ella**

Finishing my A levels earlier this year, well, just about, due to the unprecedented times of COVID-19, I had already decided I wanted my career to involve the outdoors. Some form of apprenticeship appealed much more to me than University. Being able to gain experience and qualifications, as well as the bonus of earning some money, seemed ideal.

Working for a tree surgeon for around a year, part time, before coming to Bedgebury, confirmed to me that I had to pursue a career outdoors... but I didn't want just any outdoor career. I have always loved being immersed in nature and feel this is when I'm at my best. I want to play a part in the conservation of trees and the environment.

When I came across the Forest Craftsperson Apprenticeship scheme, I was so excited about the potential opportunity. Then, finding out that Bedgebury was one of the sites where apprentices would be based, it was clear that I had to apply!

I can't think of anything I would rather be doing, and I am so grateful for this incredible opportunity. I am part of such an amazing team of people, with so much knowledge and experience, and I know there isn't a better place to learn and develop.