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WHO ARE YOU?

I am Claire Wansbury, Associate Director of Ecology at Atkins. I have worked as an ecologist for government conservation bodies and in a small specialist consultancy prior to joining Atkins over a decade ago.

WHY DO YOU THINK FELLOWS MATTER TO THE INSTITUTE?

I find the fact that we have Fellows helps establish our credibility as a profession when interacting with those from other professions and with policy makers. The Fellows are also a committed group, recognising that Fellowship is a responsibility as well a privilege, which gives the Institute a group of recognised experienced experts who CIEEM can call on for advice, opinions and other support.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A FELLOW?

I am passionate about ecological consultancy being a force for good, a profession that makes a genuine contribution to nature conservation. I have found being a Fellow has given me many opportunities to get involved in some excellent discussions and projects, both within the Institute and on behalf of it.



WHY DID YOU APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIP?

I reached a point in my career where I felt ready in theory, but was very uncertain where the bar was set. Talking to a friend from the membership committee was an essential boost to my confidence. I thought it would benefit me and could also be a way of contributing to the Institute, and I found I was right on both counts.

