



Shepherds Friendly is a modern mutual society, offering a variety of adult and children's financial products and services such as ISAs, savings plans, life insurance and income protection. Located in south Manchester in the heart of Cheadle village, the Society has been providing financial security to members for almost 200 years.

Guided by our values of working together, doing the right thing, and making a difference, we are committed to delivering a service which helps our members plan their finances and secure their family's future. In a world of financial complexity, we believe in the power of simplicity.

We are currently recruiting for a **Senior Developer** within the External Development department to join our team of talented individuals.

Purpose of the role:

- Design, develop, and maintain secure, scalable backend services using the .NET platform
- Support web and mobile applications by delivering reliable APIs and integrations
- Contribute to the development and maintenance of Angular web applications where required
- Develop, build, and support cross-platform mobile applications using .NET MAUI
- Enable the full lifecycle of mobile application delivery, including App Store and Play Store releases
- Support and evolve a microservices architecture hosted in Microsoft Azure
- Provide senior technical input, including mentoring, code review, and architectural contributions
- Work collaboratively with product, UX, QA, and operations teams to deliver high-quality solutions
- Deliver the requirements of your role in line with the Society's culture and values and the principles outlined in the Society's Consumer Duty policy (as appropriate to your role).

In this role you will be responsible for:

- Designing, implementing, and maintaining backend services and APIs using .NET, ensuring high standards of code quality, security, and performance
- Contributing to and supporting a microservices-based architecture, including service communication, data storage, and resilience
- Deploying and operating services in Microsoft Azure, ensuring reliability, scalability, and cost-effective use of cloud resources
- Supporting Angular front-end development through API integration, shared contracts, and occasional feature delivery.
- Developing and maintaining mobile applications using .NET MAUI, including managing builds, signing, and store submissions for iOS and Android.
- Participating in technical design discussions and contributing to architectural decisions.
- Leading and participating in code reviews, promoting best practices and consistency across the codebase.
- Identifying and addressing technical debt, performance issues, and operational risks
- Providing technical guidance and mentoring to less experienced team members
- Being an excellent problem solver, with the ability to own a project or problem and drive it through to resolution/completion.
- Great team-worker, able to collaborate effectively with colleagues across the business.

- Appetite and ability to learn fast under own initiative with on-going development of technical skills across the changing technology environment.
- Good, organised project management and time management with excellent attention to detail and documentation.
- Assisting with the implementation of corporate culture initiatives.
- Being aware of and comply with office health and safety procedures.
- Carrying out other such duties and responsibilities as required by your line manager or assigned to you by the Society from time to time
- Maintaining up to date product and regulatory knowledge in the areas detailed in the CPD and Training Needs analysis log

We are looking for someone who has:

- Strong commercial experience with C# and .NET (ASP.NET Core, Web APIs)
- Experience designing and building microservices
- Solid experience working with Azure, including:
 - App Services / Container Apps
 - Azure SQL / Cosmos DB
 - Azure Functions and messaging (Service Bus, Event Grid)
- Strong understanding of RESTful API standards and design
- Experience with Angular sufficient to develop and maintain features in an existing front-end codebase
- Experience building mobile apps with .NET MAUI
- Knowledge of mobile app build, signing, and release processes for iOS and Android
- Willingness to help develop and embrace principles and practices within the department.
- A strong desire to work with the wider business and help shape direction from a technical perspective.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues, clients and suppliers.
- Excellent project and time management.

Most importantly, we offer:

- Salary: Competitive
- Company Pension Scheme – 8% employer contribution
- Flexible working hours with the option to work from home.
- 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays
- An extra day off for your birthday
- Access to wellbeing support services through Nuffield Health and Health Assured including access to 24/7 online GP, discounted gym membership, mental health support, free eye tests and flu vaccinations.
- Company benefits including life insurance, healthcare cash plan, four paid well-being days, and various social and charitable events throughout the year including a volunteering day at a charity of your choice.
- Optional benefits including cycle to work scheme, holiday trading, etc.
- 4pm finish on Friday!

If you think this role would be a great fit for you, please submit your CV and cover letter now to careers@shepherdsfriendly.co.uk For further information, please contact 0800526249.

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

The Society strives to build and nurture an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diverse voices of our people to connect with our members and the communities we serve. We offer a range of family friendly, inclusive employment policies and practices, flexible working arrangements, employee engagement initiatives and office facilities and services to support people from different backgrounds.