

Job Description

Job Title	Arborist
Grade	6
Reports to	Leading Arborist, Arboricultural Service Manager
Responsible for	Groundsman Arborists, Apprentices, Agency Workers, Work Experience Students
Liaison with	Landscape Supervisors
Job Purpose	Experienced in arboriculture in order to carry out tree works as part of a wider team to Council tree stock and for external partners or clients effectively, safely and according to specifications. Maintain relationships with members of the public.
Principal Accountabilities	
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to undertake physical demanding work, carrying out all aspects of tree works with the use of appropriate machinery and equipment, working to current industry standards. • Ability to use, maintain and direct the use of appropriate plant, equipment and machinery i.e. Chainsaws, wood chippers and stump grinding equipment. • Clear brushwood and arisings from tree work operations and process with a chipper as required. • Fell & dismantle and rigging of trees, clear windblown trees. • Ability to climb trees, carry out pruning & dismantling operations utilising safe and effective work methods. • Operate a chainsaw from a rope & harness. • Carry out thinning, coppicing and clear-felling works. • Understanding of hazards, the risks involved and be able to put in place methods or procedures to manage these. • Ability to communicate effectively in a clear and polite manner with colleague, clients and members of the public. • Preserve physical structure of trees by bracing and supporting methods and promote retention of habitat and biodiversity improvement where possible. • Assist the team in traffic management and control where required. • Plant trees, shrubs or hedging utilising a range of techniques appropriate to the site conditions, size and presentation of plant material. Install stakes and support structures, fix ties or other securing devices to planting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide young tree maintenance, formative pruning and irrigation where required. • Whilst working in housing areas carry out work at reasonable convenience and with minimum disturbance to residents. • Liaise with residents or tenants where appropriate. • Able to work outdoors at all times of the year in all weather conditions. • Ability to maintain accurate records. <p><u>Vans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with company's driving and licence vetting arrangements. • Maintain vehicle log book. • Carry out driver's safety and mechanical checks before the vehicle is taken on the road. • Drive the vehicle safely and with consideration to other road users. • Take responsibility for vehicles or items of plant and be accountable for avoidable damage and wear. Be responsible for the security of the machine and contents whilst at work. • Be aware of legal requirements and safety regulations in respect of vehicles or items of plant. • Comply with the company's damage and accident reporting procedures. <p><u>Plant & Machinery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out daily and pre-start checks according to manufacturers instructions. Inspect and assess serviceability, take appropriate action as required. • Carry out daily or weekly maintenance according to the manufacturers instructions. • Operate the machine safely and effectively. • Ensure safe operating procedures and risk assessment outcomes are followed. Take appropriate action during adverse weather conditions and machinery breakdown. • Carry out works adjacent to roads, cycle tracks and footpaths using signs, layouts and methods of work as detailed in "Safety at Streetworks and Roadworks". • Prepare for and carry out aerial tree rescue operations safely & effectively. • Contribute to LOLER procedures. • During periods of sickness and holidays stand-in for line management or other arborist members. • Respond to and take appropriate action in emergencies. • Report hazards & accidents to line management both promptly and accurately.
Other responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Emergency out of hours call out rota. • Carry out any other duties as assigned by the business as reasonably required.

Person Specification

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General heading	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications, knowledge and technical ability	Emergency First Aid at Work	Emergency First Aid +F (Forestry)
	Arboricultural/Forestry Experience	Arboricultural/Forestry Experience (minimum 3 years experience)
	NPTC CS30.1/30.2 or equivalent: Chainsaw Maintenance, Cross Cutting	IPAF Licenced MEWP operator
	NPTC CS31 or equivalent: Felling & processing trees of small trees	NTPC CS39 or equivalent: Operate a chainsaw from rope and harness
	NPTC CS38 or equivalent: Climb trees and perform aerial rescue	NPTC's or equivalent in any of 32, 34, 40, 41, 47, 48
	Tree climbing experience with use of chainsaw	Traffic Management (nrswa unit 002 signing, lighting and guarding) - Chapter 8
	Knowledge and understanding of health & safety	
	Comply with LOLER & PEWER Regulations	
Have an awareness and understanding of COSHH		
Communication	Have good written and verbal communication skills	
Working with others	Able to work independently and as part of a team	
	Have an awareness of Equality and Diversity	
Responsibilities		
General	Hold a valid Full manual Driving Licence	Driving Licence Categories C + E (LGV + Towing)
	Neat and tidy in appearance	
	Be physically fit	
	Able to work out in all weathers	
	Good literacy and numeracy skills	
	Able to use own initiative	