

## Job description - Arborist (PB6B)

### Job summary

As part of the Westonbirt Tree Team, you will maintain & develop the arboretum for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, in alignment with Westonbirt's vision to be a world leader in trees, through conservation, education and participation. Be a champion of our health & safety culture demonstrating our value of 'look out and look after' in our work.

### Key responsibilities & accountabilities

#### Arboricultural Operations:

- arboricultural operations as part of a team - tree and shrub planting, establishment checks, pruning, dead-wooding, wood-chipping, stump-grinding, mulching, tree protection, accurate recording of information and mapping.
- practical use of a wide range of chainsaws, tools, equipment, machinery and vehicles.
- assist with care of young plants of high conservation value within our propagation unit.
- general grounds maintenance - sward management, grass mowing, herbicide application.
- careful adherence to written work programmes and accurate recording with the use of tablets.
- respond to any public enquires in a professional and helpful way.

#### Team working and health and safety:

- operate and maintain tools and resources to required standards and make sure work on site meets our health and safety standards.
- by effectively liaising with colleagues and stakeholders, plan, implement and deliver efficient work
- programmes that help meet Forestry England's aims and objectives.
- engage proactively and respond constructively to existing and prospective customers and present the highest standards of professionalism when representing Westonbirt and Forestry England
- carrying out risk assessments working to high health and safety standards which are guided by FISA (Forest Industry Safety Accord).

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And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

**Location-specific information**
**Skills, knowledge & experience**
**Essential professional and technical experience**

- practical experience in arboriculture, forestry, or countryside / environmental management.
- general understanding of forestry, arboriculture, nature conservation, outdoor recreation and countryside related issues.
- competently use a range of hand tools.
- awareness of health and safety systems relevant to practical countryside work e.g. risk assessments, Forest Industry Safety Accord (FISA) guides and lone working systems.
- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications.
- good interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to work effectively alone and as part of a team.

**Qualifications**
**Essential**

- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award or equivalent in one or more practical Arboricultural skills such as chainsaw maintenance, cross cutting, and felling and processing trees up to 380mm or equivalent qualification.
- full UK driving license, however the Forestry Commission is willing to consider any proposals put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by any other means.

**Desirable**

- arboriculture or land management qualification.
- further NPTC and Lantra qualifications in Arboricultural based skills.
- emergency first aid at work + forestry (F).
- a GCSE in Maths and English or functional skills equivalent