

Job Description - Forest Craftsperson (PB6b)

Job summary

As the Forest Craftsperson, you will work as part of a beat or unit team working in the district's woodlands, open habitats or recreation sites completing a wide range of management tasks to help meet beat and District work commitments, H&S responsibilities and ongoing routine maintenance tasks.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- Undertake monitoring and data-gathering tasks such as the marking of trees for sale, tree safety inspections, fence line and boundary inspections and the assessment of tree density on restocked and newly planted sites.
- Contribute to the delivery of key programmes by providing a support service in delivering essential materials, consumables, plants etc to work sites.
- Maintain, restore and create various habitats for ecological benefit and improvement of the landscape the work will include the felling and planting of trees and shrubs and the management of vegetation, which may include fencing, chainsaw use and the application of pesticides.
- Inspect and maintain recreational facilities to a high standard, including the repair and maintenance of footpaths and cycle routes, litter picking and the installation and maintenance of signs, picnic tables, benches and play equipment etc. keeping records of inspections and repairs, as directed.
- Carry out a range of practical maintenance jobs throughout the forest estate, working effectively as part of a small team, and when requested responding quickly to unexpected work and issues raised by supervisors and foresters.
- Operate FM tractor and implements such as chemical sprayers, side arm flails, harrows and other farm attachments to complete work programmes across beat or wider District areas.

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

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- A full UK driving license

Desirable professional and technical experience

- Good understanding of health and safety issues relating to working in a forest or public access site
- Experience of woodland management, groundwork or site maintenance. Ability to use a wide range of hand tools
- Experience in marking trees for sale events, tree safety inspections and recreation site inspections
- Experience in tree felling, use of chainsaws and pesticide application

Qualifications

Desirable

- Training and certificates in chainsaw and other machine use and pesticide application
- FMOC certificates if operating a forest tractor