

Job Description - Technical Arborist (PB6A)

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:

- Aerial operations including tree climbing, section felling, rigging and pruning
- 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.
- Monitor for pests and disease throughout the collection while undertaking daily tasks.
- Carry out all work in accordance with the highest biosecurity standards
- Respond to any public enquiries in a professional and helpful way.

Teamwork 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).

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

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- Practical experience in aerial arboricultural operations
- 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 3 Award or equivalent in Aerial Chainsaw use from a Rope and Harness
- 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.
- First aid at work + forestry (F).
- GCSE in Maths and English or functional skills equivalent