Chesterfield Borough Council
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Arborists
JE REF NO: A12859

DIRECTORATE/SERVICE Commercial Services – Green Spaces

RESPONSIBLE TO: Forestry Team Leader

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MAIN PURPOSE OF POST

1. To maintain the council-owned tree stock and woods.
2. To undertake commercial arboricultural works for external and internal clients.
3. To make a proactive and positive contribution to the overall development, commercialisation and reputation of the service.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To undertake arboricultural, grounds/estate maintenance, conservation and forestry tasks across the Council landholding.
2. To undertake works in compliance with health, safety, quality and environmental standards as required and ensure the health and safety of the general public.
3. To operate and maintain a variety of hand tools, machinery and light plant.
4. To carry out special projects to achieve service and commercial objectives.
5. To support community engagement initiatives that will positively promote the reputation of the Council.
6. Carry out any other duties appropriate to the grading of the post

The postholder must, at all times, carry out their duties and responsibilities to comply with Borough Council policies/procedures.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF POST
You may be required to carry out those duties at any Council workplace.
PERSON SPECIFICATION

JOB TITLE Arborist

DEPT/SECTION Commercial Services – Green Spaces

SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / ABILITIES

ESSENTIAL

- Tree identification skills.
- Working knowledge of, and skills in pruning to, BS3998
- Working knowledge of forestry/arboricultural machinery/plant.
- Ability to climb trees and perform aerial rescue.
- Ability to work on own or as part of a team.
- Ability to use own initiative / problem solve.
- Ability to prioritise works and work to deadlines.
- Understanding of Health & Safety at Work Act.
- Ability to interpret site plans
- Customer service skills

DESIRABLE

- Knowledge of LOLER Regulations
- Knowledge of Chapter 8 signing and guarding
- Skills in the operation of tractors.

EXPERIENCE

ESSENTIAL

- Experience in all aspects of practical arboriculture.
- Experience of tree climbing and aerial tree operations
- Experience of tree pruning and felling.

DESIRABLE

QUALIFICATION / TRAINING

ESSENTIAL

- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting (Formerly CS30)
- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in Ground Based Chainsaw Operator (Formerly CS30 & CS31)
- City & Guilds NPTC Level 3 Award in Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm (Formerly CS32)
- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in Tree Climbing and Rescue (Formerly CS38)
- City & Guilds NPTC Level 3 Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw using Free Fall techniques (Formerly CS39)
• City & Guilds NPTC Level 3 Award in Aerial Tree Pruning (Formerly CS40)
• City & Guilds NPTC Level 3 Award in Aerial Tree Rigging (Formerly CS41)
• Full Driving Licence.

DESIRABLE

• A level 2 qualification in arboriculture, horticulture or related subject.
• Pesticides Certificate PA1 & PA6
• Ability to tow a trailer with category BE.
• First Aid at Work
• FMO Certificate

VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS - EMPLOYEE

Customer Focussed

• Delivers the work to good standard
• Effective communication
• Good knowledge of job requirements

Can Do

• Flexible and proactive in meeting service needs
• Identifies and shares improvements

One Council, One Team

• Works well in a team
• Works with teams across the Council

Honesty & Respect

• Treats others fairly
• Works safely at all times