

Arborist/Forestry Apprenticeship

Service	Greenspace
Location	Huddersfield
Salary	£10.18 from April 2023
Working week & Hours	37 hours – including college attendance/qualification work
Contract type & Duration	Fixed-term Apprenticeship
Reporting to	Martin Cockcroft
Eligibility to apply	<p>Please note you are only eligible to apply for this role if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have been resident in the UK for at least 3 years (there are some exceptions to this, so applicants will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis as required). • You are not in full time compulsory education and are aged 16 or over, by the time you start the Apprenticeship • You are able to meet the entry requirements of the qualification and to undertake the studying and coursework required to complete the course.

Apprenticeships with Kirklees Council

If you are looking for hands on experience and learning on the job then an apprenticeship could be the right route for you. An apprenticeship with Kirklees Council will help you on your journey to grow your career alongside working towards a qualification. As a Forestry Apprentice you will be required to complete 30 month training programme that will cover all aspects of the role and will be delivered through attendance and blended learning delivered by a registered training provider.

You will learn skills to be able to look after and maintain trees including planting, pruning, and cutting down trees of all sizes within Kirklees including use of chainsaws and climbing trees

We are committed to recruiting a diverse workforce and would welcome applications from underrepresented groups.

Job Purpose

You will work as an Apprentice Arborist in the Forestry Team, part of the Greenspace Service. You will be required to complete a 30-month training programme that will cover all aspects of the role and will be delivered through attendance at college or other distance learning methods delivered by the training provider. You will complete an Arborist Apprenticeship Level 2.

College attendance and successful completion of these studies is an essential requirement of this Apprenticeship.

As part of this Apprenticeship, you will have to successfully complete the following training to achieve the full apprenticeship:

- Level 3 award in emergency first aid at work
- Level 2 award in safe use of brushwood chipper
- Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) OR Sector Scheme 12D
- Level 2 award in chainsaw maintenance
- Level 2 award in crosscutting timber using a chainsaw
- Level 2 award in felling and processing trees up to 380mm
- Level 2 award in accessing a tree using a rope and harness
- Level 3 award in aerial tree rescue operations
- Level 3 award in aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques
- Level 2 award in safe use of mobile elevated work platform
- Level 3 award in use of a chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)
- All the training will be delivered and assessed by the training provider

Behaviours and expectations

The right behaviours and attitudes are as important to us as the skills you bring to the job. We expect all our employees to demonstrate the following behaviours:

- Positive
- Honest
- Respectful
- Flexible
- Communicative
- Supportive

Key areas of Responsibility

- using and maintaining a chainsaw
- felling and processing trees
- climbing trees using a rope and harness, and using elevated platforms
- recognising different types of trees and shrubs
- identifying and managing pests, diseases, and tree defects

Employee Specification

Knowledge, qualifications, skills, and experience	Shortlisting criteria
Able to work at heights	Essential
Hold a level 2 Maths and English qualification or able to achieve by the end of the training	Essential
An understanding of health and safety and how it applies to this role	Essential
Experience of working or being part of a team	Essential
Good communication skills to be able to work well with others on a daily basis including work colleagues, members of the public etc to deliver the service	Essential
Satisfactorily complete a pre-employment medical assessment	Essential

How to apply

If you would like to apply for this role, click on the **Apply for this Job** button on the 'Job Details' page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a new user or log-in if you have applied previously.

Should you experience any difficulties using the online application system, please email Council.Apprenticeships@kirklees.gov.uk

Please note that you will be notified of the progress of your application by automatic emails from our e-recruitment system. **Please check your spam/junk mail** regularly to ensure that you receive all emails.

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