



Ipswich Borough Council

Job Description:

Technician – Tree Surgeon

Main Purpose of Job

To carry out all aspects of Arboriculture works including tree felling, pruning, shaping, thinning, crown reduction, crown lifting, dismantling, dead wooding and associated tasks in public parks, cemeteries, sports facilities, highways, housing areas, private contracts and similar open spaces to the required standard and specification in accordance with agreed procedures.

Achieving high quality standards throughout all areas maintained and with due regard to relevant statutory obligations e.g. Health & Safety, environmental protection, and biodiversity

Main Duties

1. To undertake skilled parks and open spaces maintenance and development tasks in various locations in accordance with computer generated work schedules or as directed. Specialising in Arboricultural works.
2. To interpret plans and specifications, schedules, set out sites and complete all paperwork relevant to the job e.g. task tickets and timesheets, monitoring sheets in an accurate and timely fashion.
3. To supervise junior staff and apprentices and volunteers as required.
4. To carry out all operations in accordance with current health and safety requirements following safe systems of work and risk assessments at all times, including routine daily checks and basic maintenance to any plant and machinery allocated as required and report defects.
5. To deliver high standards of customer care to parks and open space service users.
6. To participate, as required, in the service area emergency response plans, including out of hours working.
7. Such variations as may be required from time to time without changing the general character of the duties shown above or the level of responsibility entailed.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Tree Surgeon Technician

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Qualifications	NVQ Level 2 or equivalent qualification / skills / experience in Arboriculture Health and Safety Certificate NPTC CS30 Maintaining a chainsaw NPTC CS31 Felling trees to 380mm NPTC CS32/3 Felling trees over 380mm NTPC CS38 Climb trees and perform aerial tree rescue NTPC CS39 Operate the chainsaw from rope and harness NTCP CS40 Carryout pruning operations	PA1+PA6A pesticide spraying certificate NTCP CS41 Dismantling and rigging PA1 +PA6A pesticide spraying certificate NPTC power pruner IPAF – Mobile elevated working platform IOSH Managing Safety	Certificates/ Application Form
Relevant experience	Experience including the use of associated machinery in Tree Surgery Experience of working in a public facing environment Experience of supervision	Experience in the use of, a variety of power tools Towing experience	Application form/ Interview

Specialist knowledge	Understanding of Health & Safety procedures Good knowledge of plants, trees and their maintenance needs. LOLER regulations and inspections (climbing ropes and equipment)	Knowledge of local area	Application form/ Interview
Personal skills	Ability to work alone and use own initiative Ability to work as part of a team Ability to communicate effectively Ability to prioritise workload for self/team		Application form/ Interview
Special working conditions	Valid Driving Licence Ability to work outside in all weathers Ability to carry out manual tasks such as climbing trees, considerable bending, lifting and walking	Category C1+E Licence (Towing trailers)	Application form/ Interview