

Job Role: Senior Head Groundsman
Location: Poolfoot Farm Sport & Leisure Complex – Thornton Cleveleys
Hours: Full Time inc evenings / weekends when required
Salary: Competitive

We have a new and exciting position as a Senior Head Groundsman available within Fleetwood Town Football Club, primarily based within our elite performance centre at Poolfoot Farm, Thornton – Cleveleys.

About us

Established in 1997, Fleetwood Town Football Club is a professional association football club based in the town of Fleetwood, Lancashire. The team compete in EFL 1, the third tier of English football. The home ground is Highbury Stadium in Fleetwood and its training ground is Poolfoot Farm, in Thornton-Cleveleys.

Fleetwood Town is committed to providing all employees with the opportunity for career and personal development on the basis of ability, qualifications and suitability for the work as well as their potential to be developed into the role.

Poolfoot Farm was officially unveiled by the great Sir Alex Ferguson on 20th April 2016 and is home to 16 football pitches both artificial and natural grass, an elite performance building, gymnasium, playground and a destination restaurant. The site offers football for all areas of the game from grassroots through to the elite 1st team squad.

Main Responsibilities (but not limited to):

- Responsible for the delivery of pitch maintenance and its ongoing development at all groups sites in order to deliver the highest standards of pitch care and landscaping maintenance
- Managing a team of staff to deliver the highest quality playing surfaces, landscaped, open water and surrounding areas responding to the dynamic needs of busy sites
- Ensuring the main stadium bowl is kept clean and tidy to the highest of standards
- Presentation of all pitches to the highest standard for matches, training schedules and wider usage
- Establishing and managing budgets for all aspects of work undertaken and planning for future development
- Stakeholder liaison across all facilities ensuring careful planning of usage to ensure pitches are used as much as possible but also maintained to the highest standards possible
- Machinery maintenance and inventory management
- Managing and upskilling staff to ensure that they can carry out their duties in an efficient manner and to an acceptable standard
- Presenting and managing an end of season/closed season pitch renovation programmes ensuring the required work is carried out by suppliers



- Working safely with hazardous substances and keeping appropriate records and training schedules to maintain compliant standards
- Liaising with the First Team Manager, Academy, and coaching staff on a daily basis to ensure pitches are appropriately prepared for training
- Support other key stakeholders in planning and maintenance of their pitch assets.

Qualification / Experience:

- Qualified with an NVQ Level 3 in Sports Turf Management or equivalent qualification.
- Significant experience of working as a Head Groundsman with professional sports pitches ideally within the football industry.
- PA1, 2a and 6 Spraying certificates
- Drivers Licence
- Excellent communication and leadership skills

Requirements:

- Good organisational Skills
- Strong communicator and the ability to build working relationships with people at all levels of the organisation
- Able to use own initiative
- Must be able to cope under pressure
- Must be flexible and adaptable to differing work patterns, such as nights / weekends including out of season
- Post holder should be confident, approachable and reliable, setting high standards and expectations of themselves

You will require a full, valid UK driving licence and access to a suitable vehicle.

What you need to do now

If you're interested in this role, please forward an up-to-date copy of your CV and cover letter to:

Recruitment@fleetwoodtownfc.com

Please note if successful you will be required to attend an interview with the hiring manager within 1 week of the closing date of 22/02/2021

Fleetwood Town Football Club and Fleetwood Town Community Trust are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to endorse this commitment.

This information is available in different formats if required. Please contact Fleetwood Town Football Club directly on 01253 775080

