

**Job Role:** Apprentice Groundsperson  
**Location:** Poolfoot Farm Sport & Leisure Complex – Thornton Cleveleys  
**Hours:** Full Time inc evenings / weekends when required  
**Salary:** £172.00 per week

Reporting to the Senior Head Groundsman, we have a new and exciting position available for an Apprentice Groundsperson available within Fleetwood Town Football Club and in association with Myerscough College, primarily based within our elite performance centre at Poolfoot Farm, Thornton – Cleveleys.

This is a two-year apprenticeship working towards the Level 2 Sports Turf qualification, with a view to a permanent position upon successful completion.

## 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 League One, 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 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

## Main Responsibilities (but not limited to):

- **Grass cutting** - Ride on mower and pedestrian mowers. This will involve cutting the pitches at the training centre and stadium. Also, any grass public areas that will require maintenance to keep looking aesthetically pleasing
- **Line Marking** – Marking the lines on the football pitches at the training facility and stadium, when required, using a battery marker or a wheel-to-wheel marker
- **Tractor usage** – Driving the tractor and using the machines that are attached via a 3-point linkage such as aerating, fertiliser application, grass cutting to name a few
- **Divoting** – Repairing any damage caused on the grass pitches by the games schedule or training schedule
- **Bush and shrubbery maintenance** – when required tidying and cutting back the bushes and shrubs on the training ground using hand tools and power tools
- Carrying out general grounds duties such as cutting the grass, watering the pitch, marking the pitch, spraying, fertilising and match preparations
- Carry out maintenance and renovations of landscaped areas



- Clean equipment and wash down areas
- Keep all equipment and materials in good condition
- Any Ad Hoc duties when required

## Qualification / Experience:

- Candidates will need a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade D/3 including maths and English, or a Vocational qualification Level 1 as well as GCSE grade D/3 in both maths and English (NB English and maths Functional Skills Level 1 will be accepted as an alternative to GCSEs)
- Candidates will be screened as part of the recruitment process and must be able to work at Level 1 in Functional Skills (maths and English) in order to undertake this Apprenticeship

## Requirements:

- Good organisational Skills
- Able to use own initiative
- 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
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions

## **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 11/03/2022.

*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***

