

# FLEETWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



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## **JOB VACANCY - GROUNDSMAN**

An exciting position for a Groundsman is available for a permanent position working with us at Fleetwood Town Football Club.

### **About us**

Established in 1997, Fleetwood Town Football Club is a professional club based in the town of Fleetwood, Lancashire. The team compete in Sky Bet League One, the third tier of the English football league pyramid.

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. The site offers football for all areas of the game from grassroots through to the elite 1<sup>st</sup> team squad.

### **The Position**

The successful candidate will carry out maintenance work and preparation of sports surfaces. The role will be primarily based at Poolfoot Farm and Highbury stadium but may also involve some work at other sites across the group of companies.

### **Main Responsibilities**

- Daily Grounds duties such as cutting grass, watering pitch, marking out pitches, spraying, fertilising, aeration and any other grounds tasks.
- Cutting grass and presenting pitches to the highest standards for training and match days.
- Operate machinery, ride on mowers, power tools, drive tractors and associated plant
- Ensure all machinery is maintained and serviced to the required standard
- Assist in ensuring all groundsman areas are always kept clean and tidy
- Carry out all general ground's tasks, including turfcare, planting, shrub & tree pruning, maintenance of ditches, paths and removal of grass clippings and leaves and litter picking.
- Help to maintain & repair gates, fences and grounds / gardens huts and out buildings.
- Carry out weed spraying, application of fertilisers, chemicals etc.
- Attend appropriate training courses if required and as agreed with the Head Groundsman
- Assist with erection & dismantling of sports equipment, goal posts, etc.
- Support training of other staff as and when required / directed
- As and when required liaise with other FTFC staff such as First Team Manager, Academy and coaching staff in the absence of Head or Deputy Groundman
- Identify and report pests/ weeds / diseases to Head or Deputy Groundsman
- Regularly use irrigation systems and carry out basic repairs.



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## Qualification / Experience

- Has a minimum of 3 years' experience in a similar role / environment within the professional sports industry. (ideally football)
- Have a minimum of NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in Sportsturf
- Has a good knowledge of irrigation systems
- Currently holds appropriate certification for the use of tractors and mounted implements
- Has experience with pedestrian and tractor mounted spraying
- It would be advantageous if the post holder is qualified in the Safe use of Pesticides level PA1, PA2, PA6
- Post holder must have a full UK driving license

## 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
- Have the ability to work with and support the team and work alone where required
- 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

## What you need to do now

Please send your CV and a cover letter providing full details of why you feel you would be suited to this role to [recruitment@fleetwoodtownfc.com](mailto: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.

If this job isn't quite right for you but you are looking for a new position, please contact us for a confidential discussion on your career.



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