

Job summary

Role title: Skilled Operative (Sports)

Department: Greenspaces

General description of role

The Skilled Operative will support in the delivery of maintenance of outdoor sports facilities across the Borough's parks and open spaces. This includes the full range of seasonal and year-round duties required for football, rugby, and cricket pitches, utilising tractors and a variety of grounds maintenance machinery and attachments to ensure playing surfaces are safe, presentable, and in a good condition.

Responsibilities of role

- *Operate tractors and associated attachments (e.g., aerators, slitters, scarifiers, trailers, gang mowers, and line markers) in the preparation and upkeep of sports surfaces.*
- *Carry out pre-season, in-season and end-of-season works for football, cricket and rugby pitches, including grass cutting, Verti-draining, top dressing, seeding, turfing, and goal post installation/removal.*
- *Mark out football and rugby pitches of varying sizes using appropriate line marking equipment.*
- *Maintain cricket squares and outfield, including mowing, scarifying, rolling, end-of-season renovation, and setting up wickets.*
- *Undertake renovation and repair works as required, ensuring pitches remain playable and meet safety requirements throughout the sporting seasons.*
- *Conduct daily and weekly machinery checks and report faults, damage or service requirements promptly.*
- *Adhere to health and safety procedures and ensure machinery is always operated safely and correctly.*
- *Work flexibly as part of a team or individually to respond to changing priorities and weather conditions.*
- *Liaise with sports clubs and other stakeholders as required to support bookings, usage schedules, and site inspections.*

Person Specification



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Qualifications	Essential / Desirable	Assessment by A / I / T (Assessment/Interview/Testing)
Relevant qualifications in Sports Turf Maintenance	E	
Relevant qualifications or skilled in the use of tractors and various grounds maintenance machinery.	E	
PA1/PA6 Spraying Certificates.	P	
Full UK driving licence.	E	
Experience and achievements		
Experience in sports turf maintenance, particularly in football, rugby, and cricket environments.	E	
Ability to mark out pitches accurately to required dimensions and standards.	E	
Understanding of seasonal sports turf requirements and renovation techniques	E	
Role required competencies and behaviours		
Physically fit and able to work in all weather conditions.	E	
Strong awareness of health and safety and safe working practices	E	
Ability to work independently and as part of a team	E	

Summary of employment package

Place of work	The role will be primarily based at Earlswood Depot, Redhill , We may require you to work from another place of work within the Borough or a neighbouring Borough or District, or further afield by prior agreement.
Salary	Graded Operative 2 , the salary will be in the region of £24,186- £25,782 per annum dependent upon experience. Cost of living awards are reviewed annually on 1 April. Incremental progression and bonuses may be payable in line with the appraisal scheme.
Duration of contract	The contract will be offered on a permanent basis
Probationary period	Upon joining the Council, all staff are required to satisfactorily complete a six month probationary period.
Hours of work	Hours of work are nominally 40/27 per week (annualised hours).
Employment Benefits	
Flexible working hours	<p>Dependent on the requirements of the role, RBBC supports flexible and hybrid working, with arrangements being made in agreement with managers and based on operational needs.</p> <p>Flexible working allows for the alteration of start/leave times and length of lunchtime break, time off in lieu for longer hours worked and a flexible working system.</p> <p>Whilst staff are expected to manage their time and keep working hours within acceptable limits, flexible working arrangements are always subject to sufficient team cover and the particular needs of the service at that time.</p>
Annual leave	<p>The basic leave entitlement is 259.2 hours per annum pro rata (equivalent to 36 standard days), rising to 295.2 hours per annum (equivalent to 41 standard days) pro rata after five years continuous local government service, inclusive of Bank Holidays.</p> <p>Annual leave must be taken on the Council's discretionary day off around Christmas and New Year period.</p>

<p>Pension</p>	<p>You will be auto enrolled into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) to which the Council contributes 15% of your earnings each year.</p> <p>You are able to transfer funds into the LGPS within the first twelve months of employment. However, you can also choose not to join the scheme and make your own arrangements. If you wish to opt out of the scheme you will not be able to do so until after your first day.</p> <p>Your pension contribution rate will depend on your full time equivalent annual salary. The salary and rates are reviewed annually on 1 April each year. The current rates can be found on the Surrey Pension Fund website: http://www.surreypensionfund.org/surrey-pension-fund/paying-in/membership-and-contributions/#contribution-rates</p>
<p>Training and development</p>	<p>The Council actively encourages continued professional development and talent development.</p> <p>Learning facilities are available in-house, including a dedicated Training Room for both individual and group learning. The Council also has a number of Computer Based Training packages.</p>
<p>Professional subscriptions</p>	<p>If you are required to be a member of a professional organisation(s) for your role, we will pay the subscription fee(s) each year, subject to manager approval.</p>
<p>Car parking / Travel loan scheme / Cycle Purchase Scheme</p>	<p>We offer access to parking on site for roles based at the Earlswood Depot.</p> <p>We anticipate there will be enough spaces to meet daily demand. However, it should be noted that spaces are not guaranteed, not a contractual right and are offered on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>The Council offers interest free loans to encourage staff to travel by alternative methods to solo car use. Loans are available for quarterly/yearly rail season or bus tickets, or a season car park pass and we offer a cycle purchase scheme up to the value of £2,000 (eligibility rules apply).</p>
<p>Employee discounts</p>	<p>All staff have access to special offers and discounts on national and local high street shops, restaurants, motoring benefits, discount cinema and theatre tickets, holidays, insurance and much more.</p> <p>Full annual discounted membership is available for the 'Better' run leisure centres at Tadworth, Donyngs and Horley.</p>

Other Conditions	
Pre-employment checks	<p>Appointments are offered subject to several pre-employment checks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two satisfactory references • eligibility to work within the UK, and proof of your identity • evidence of relevant qualifications • medical clearance (as manual handling / driving is an intrinsic requirement of the role)
Fleet driver	<p>You will be classed as a 'fleet driver' for the Council and need to agree to the terms of the fleet drivers policy, which includes agreeing to a health assessment, driving assessment, regular eye checks, and for the Council to undertake regular driving licence checks.</p>
Paid work with another employer	<p>If you are appointed, your contract with the Council should normally be classed as your main employment.</p> <p>You will devote your whole-time service to our work and not be involved in any other business or take up any other appointment without getting written permission from your manager or the Chief Executive.</p>
Disclaimer	<p>Please note that this document outlines the likely employment package for this role but does not form part of your terms and conditions of employment if you are subsequently employed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. These will be outlined in any contractual documents addressed to you directly.</p>

Great People at Reigate & Banstead

Our great working environment and the values and behaviours of every individual and team in the Council, help to evolve the culture of our organisation to become more commercial, innovative and embracing of change.

Successful applicants to our career opportunities will be able to demonstrate they share the values and behaviours we seek in our organisation.

Our Vision

Working together to make a great place to live, work and enjoy.

Our Values

Making a difference, doing the right thing, being bold and confident.

Our Behaviours

We should demonstrate our values by being positive, supportive, flexible, and innovative.

Positive: I maintain a “can do” attitude and a smile

- ✓ Create an encouraging and optimistic environment and bring others with me
- ✓ Approach others in a pleasant, happy and upbeat manner
- ✓ Maintain enthusiasm in difficult times
- ✓ Demonstrate commitment to my own service and to the Council
- ✓ Demonstrate an "I care" attitude

Supportive: I create an environment where the people I work with feel valued and respected and have confidence to develop

- ✓ Understand the council's priorities and work towards a common goal
- ✓ Work across boundaries to develop relationships, share information and keep others informed
- ✓ Listen to the views of others allowing the best way forward to be found
- ✓ Communicate in a courteous and respectful manner
- ✓ Behave in ways that promote the fair and equal treatment of all

Flexible: Adapting the way I work, I can deal confidently with change and accept new and different ideas and approaches

- ✓ Accept that change is an integral part of working at Reigate & Banstead
- ✓ Demonstrate an open mind to new ideas and proposals
- ✓ Display a willingness to do things differently
- ✓ View change in working practices as an opportunity for improving and developing
- ✓ Adopt a flexible approach to meet the team's requirements

Innovative: I work to develop new ideas and workable solutions to drive the Council forward

- ✓ Question currently accepted ways of doing things
- ✓ Implement good ideas, learn from others, both internally and externally
- ✓ Identify novel ways of resolving issues using own initiative
- ✓ Suggest and trying out new approaches
- ✓ Challenge the status quo in a constructive way

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