

Job Description

Job Title	Arborist Apprentice
Directorate	Neighbourhoods and Housing
Service Area	Greenspaces
Grade	AP2
Competency Level	1
Salary	£24,547
Job Type	Office Based
Location	Newton Road
Apprenticeship	Arborist Level 2 - Arborist / Skills England

About the Role

The Trainee Arborist will join Liverpool City Council's Greenspaces team and work towards becoming a fully qualified Arborist through a structured training programme. Working alongside experienced colleagues, you will develop the practical, technical and theoretical skills needed to care for and maintain the Council's tree stock across the city.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys working outdoors and wants to build a career in arboriculture. You'll gain hands-on experience while working towards industry-recognised qualifications and developing the skills required to progress within the Arboricultural Trainee Programme.

What You'll Be Doing

You will:

- Work alongside experienced arborists to learn a range of tree maintenance techniques.
- Support the care and management of Liverpool's tree stock across parks, open spaces and highways.
- Develop practical skills through the Arboricultural Trainee Programme and qualification pathway.
- Assist with tree inspections, maintenance activities and site operations.
- Learn how to use specialist equipment, machinery and tools safely and effectively.
- Support the preparation of work sites and traffic management arrangements where required.
- Help maintain vehicles, equipment, plant and personal protective equipment.
- Follow health and safety procedures and safe working practices at all times.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to deliver planned and reactive tree maintenance work.
- Participate fully in training, development activities and qualification milestones.

What You'll Learn

During your apprenticeship you'll develop knowledge and skills in:

- Arboriculture and tree management principles.
- Tree identification, health and maintenance.
- Aerial tree work and pruning techniques.
- Young tree maintenance and establishment.
- Safe use of arboricultural equipment and machinery.
- Health and safety legislation, including work at height and lifting operations.
- Site safety and traffic management practices.
- Environmental and sustainability principles.

- Working safely within parks, highways and public spaces.
- Professional standards within the arboricultural industry.

Is This Role Right for You?

We're looking for someone who:

- Has an interest in trees, the environment and outdoor work.
- Wants to develop a career in arboriculture.
- Enjoys practical, hands-on work.
- Is willing to learn new skills and undertake professional training.
- Has a positive attitude and strong work ethic.
- Can work effectively as part of a team.
- Is comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Understands the importance of health and safety.
- Can follow instructions and work safely.
- Is motivated to achieve qualification and training milestones.