



## **Arboricultural Manager**

**£44,897.28 - £49,164.84**

### **Full-time (Applications for part-time working will also be considered on a job-share basis)**

Ranging from the New Forest Heritage Area through the Valley of the River Test to the North Wessex Downs ANOB, the Borough of Test Valley contains some of the most beautiful countryside in southern England. Our busy and high profile Development Management teams, within the Planning and Building Service, help safeguard the Borough's built and natural environment whilst supporting sustainable growth for the benefit of everyone that lives, works or visits the Borough.

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual to join us; someone who has a real appreciation of trees located in a range of settings with experience of managing tree issues in a town planning context.

Working within this unique area, you'll manage the Tree team that deals with tree preservation orders and applications, trees in conservation areas, enforcement and provides professional arboricultural advice to the Planning and Building Service, other Council services, Councillors and members of the public.

As an experienced Arboriculturalist, you'll be educated to degree level in a relevant subject, or have the ability and proof of experience to operate at that level. You'll also be a member of an appropriate professional body and be fully conversant with both modern arboricultural practices and current tree protection legislation and procedures.

It is important that you also have excellent written and verbal communication skills for contact with the public and appearances at planning committee and other meetings, as well as planning inquiries, hearings and prosecutions, where you would be the Council's expert witness.

Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

This role is an opportunity for you to show your leadership skills, and share your fresh thinking, in an organisation that is ready to help you make a positive impact.

In return you will receive a competitive salary, a great place to work with enthusiastic and supportive colleagues. As well as this, we actively promote a good work/life balance, including 'agile' working. We encourage continuous learning and

development and have a programme of events designed to support employee wellbeing.

We offer a range of employment benefits including a local government pension scheme, generous holiday entitlement, free on-site parking and discounted leisure facilities. For further information on what we can offer you, please visit the link below. <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/a-great-place-to-work/employee-benefits>

For an informal discussion please contact Simon Finch, Head of Planning and Building Services on 01264 368186.

Closing date for applications: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Interviews: week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March



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