

Tree Officer (P01913)
£26,980 - £35,030 per annum

Do you love the New Forest and being outdoors?

We have a great opportunity to work in the New Forest where you can contribute to climate change, our carbon footprint and the protection of our tree stock.

Below are the required criteria for the role, see if it fits/suits/excites you.

You will be responsible for the assessment of the Council's tree stock, prioritising and managing the removal and replanting of trees including those affected by ash dieback disease.

You will follow NFDC's ash dieback action plan, Tree Strategy, and national guidance to implement a programme to survey and carry out works to mitigate risk and manage the replacement planting.

Want your day to have variety?

You will daily complete in-depth and detailed assessments, inspections, and investigations to identify appropriate assets and the risk they pose, collect data on tree conditions, and make appropriate management decisions.

You will liaise with tenants, members of the public, staff from other departments and local parish councils via email, phone or site visit regarding any tree concerns.

You will liaise with our contractor on works you have allocated and checking their standards of work (using 10% check forms) and will be involved in contractor meetings (audit requirement).

It is essential that you ensure that the Council meets its obligations in law and provides an environment that is safe and pleasant to live in.

You will be responsible for advising on the implications of ash dieback, tree stock and invasive species under the Occupiers Liability Act, and negotiating and making decisions with private landowners, and other agencies/representatives in order to minimise risk to Council Land, with due consideration for conservation and ecology in mind, and aiming to enhance the environment.

You will be given your own area to manage but may also be required to assist the other tree officers with the day to day running of NFDC's Corporate tree service on wider subjects, implications matters.

Qualification/experience required for the role.

- Relevant qualifications and training in arboriculture at a minimum of Level 4 and/or proven experience working in the risk assessment and management of trees.
- Knowledge of, or experience in identifying Ash Dieback, also known as Chalara (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*).
- Knowledge of and/or a history of working with Ezytreev data systems, is desirable.
- Up to date knowledge of relevant arboricultural British Standards and Health and Safety Executive requirements for tree related operations and risk assessment criteria is desirable.
- A good practical knowledge of tree species and identification of associated pathogens, defects etc together with their impact on tree safety.
- A full Clean UK driving licence is required (van supplied). Knowledge of the local area is desirable.
- A basic DBS and pre-employment health check is a requirement for this post.

Candidates should be Chartered or working towards Chartered status or Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

We encourage a trusting and open culture where each employee is supported and respected equally, ideas are actively sought, and self-development promoted.

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