



NEW FOREST AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY

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The New Forest Agricultural Show Society is looking to employ a head grounds person to lead a team of grounds people based at New Park, Brockenhurst. This role has previously been undertaken by sub-contractors but the Society is now looking to employ the candidates directly on a full-time basis.

The roles are highly varied with no one day being the same, we require a high standard of work and long hours in July but offer a highly competitive salary, pension scheme and good holiday allocation in exchange.

The grounds team include:

- One head full time grounds person
- Two full time grounds persons
- Four Summer staff working full time in July

The head grounds person will report directly to the Show Secretary

NEW FOREST & HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

Working to a detailed timeline alongside an experienced office team and skilled sub-contractors the successful candidates will lead the grounds team overseeing the set-up of The New Forest & Hampshire County Show, an annual event which attracts over 90,000 people and held at the end of July. Please visit www.newforestshow.co.uk for more information.

The marquees, electrics and plumbing are undertaken by skilled contractors who will work alongside the team to set up the Show. The head groundsmen will work with the Show Secretary to manage the timeline and ensure the Show build is completed on time and to the high standard we have come to expect.

Jobs will include, but are not limited to:

- Lead the grounds team ensuring they are motivated and work to a high standard
- Erect fencing, barriers etc
- Mowing, strimming and general grass care
- Using a telehandler unload straw, barriers, seating etc
- Erect signage around the showground and car parks
- Fixing broken items
- Mechanical digging for ducting, soakaways when required
- Improve site infrastructure
- Improving / installing new site drainage
- Meet with volunteer section heads to ensure their area is built correctly
- Work with contractors to help them build the Show
- General carpentry when required
- Any other items that arises throughout the show build

The build of the Show will require the successful applicant to work long hours in July which will include most weekends.

NEW PARK

Throughout the rest of the year you and the team will be required to maintain the 250-acre estate which includes three residential cottages, a holiday cottage and a campsite. The Society also hosts a number of other shows which require fencing, water taps and mowing. You will also be required to attend weekly staff meetings and work with the Show Secretary to find ways to improve the site.

Jobs will include, but are not limited to:

Shows and Events

- Erect fences for horse rings
- Basic plumbing to ensure events have running water
- Mowing of fields and verges
- General site maintenance

Holiday Cottage

- General maintenance e.g. fixing broken items and painting
- Maintaining the garden e.g. mowing, weeding and planting
- Reading water / electric meters on a monthly basis

Campsite

- Assisting the campsite wardens with general site maintenance
- Working on site improvements e.g. re-concrete pitches, re-lay grass and repairing bin stores

New Park Estate

- Ditching, fencing, mowing and general site maintenance
- Conduct monthly water testing
- Working with the Show Secretary to improve the site
- Undertake monthly electric and water meter readings
- Keep barn / yard clean, tidy and up together
- Undertake service of equipment fix, broken items
- Fill pot holes and maintain cattle grids
- Keep site tidy and presentable

Other items will arise throughout the year and the head groundsmen will work with the Show Secretary to ensure the correct jobs are prioritised and his team work to the required standard.

Successful candidates will have at least two years' experience of grounds maintenance, a can-do attitude and ability to work longer hours in July. A valid driving licence is essential and you will need a positive approach to working outdoors throughout the year. Ideally, we will be looking for a candidate with a history of leading a team and working under pressure. Chainsaw, tractor and telehandler licence are desirable but training will be offered if this is not the case.

Salary: between £22,000 and £25,000 depending on experience.

Closing Date: 10th December 2018

To Apply: Please send a CV to Denis Dooley at:

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or

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Please contact Denis Dooley on 07740 126211 if you have any questions.