

OUTGROUNDS SUPERVISOR
SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE
FULL-TIME
EVENING AND WEEKEND WORKING REQUIRED

Outgrounds have always been an integral part of cricket in the county of Lancashire, with many a historic memory created in the more intimate settings of grounds that allow us to take first class cricket to the wider communities our club represents.

With current outgrounds in Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool and Sedbergh School, we're looking for an experienced Groundsperson to take on the responsibility of overseeing the preparation and maintenance of playing surfaces, practice surfaces and other facilities at these sites, as well as acting as a Groundsperson at Emirates Old Trafford when the need arises.

In addition, we have exciting plans for a new venue in Farington near Preston that will have a capacity of up to 5,000 and will be used by the first team when Emirates Old Trafford is unavailable. It will be a Centre of Excellence for women's cricket and a training base for both men's and women's teams from age-group cricket to first-team. It's likely that the successful candidate, subject to proving they have the experience to do so, will also play a key role in the maintenance of the grounds at this site when it is completed.

This is a unique challenge for an experienced Groundsperson who can demonstrate an ability to advise, influence and manage others. Working closely with stakeholders across Lancashire you will be an ambassador for the Club, ensuring that all outgrounds are prepared to the highest of standards and that they meet all the expectations required for first-class cricket.

The exciting part of all of this is that you will be part of a larger Grounds team that is based at Emirates Old Trafford (the home of Lancashire Cricket) which has played host to some of cricket's most iconic moments since 1864 and is now an award-winning world-class venue that has undergone a transformational redevelopment over the last decade.

It is recognised as one of the UK's most prestigious venues for sport, business, leisure and entertainment with a capacity of up to 50,000 people for concerts; 26,000 for international cricket matches; meetings and events spaces for up to 2,000 delegates; a four-star hotel with 150 rooms; and an on-site Caffè Nero.

The venue has played host to some of the world's biggest sporting events, including six ICC Cricket World Cup fixtures in 2019, Ashes Test Matches and world class concerts including Ariana Grande's 'One Love Manchester' concert as well as others by Beyoncé, Rihanna, Foo Fighters and more. The diversity and profile of the events, particularly from a cricketing perspective, mean there are very few bigger stages to put your grounds experience to good use.

It's a unique place to build a career where no two days are ever the same!

The Role and Responsibilities

As our Outgrounds Supervisor you will have a broad role that will see you utilising your grounds knowledge and experience across a variety of different settings.

Some of your key responsibilities will include:

- Preparing and maintaining playing surfaces, practice areas and outfield
- Ensuring that equipment e.g., mower, tractor, roller, covers etc. is serviced and maintained
- Mowing, rolling and pitch marking
- Moving heavy covers (both wheeled and flat sheets) in inclement weather
- Ensuring compliance with all Health and Safety requirements

- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with key stakeholders (i.e. the cricket department and grounds staff at outgrounds)
- Working alongside Grounds staff at outgrounds

Requirements

We're looking for someone who can hit the ground running and therefore it is essential you can demonstrate that you have:

- Demonstrable experience in grounds, ideally gained in a similar sporting environment
- National/Scottish Vocational Qualification Level 3 Amenity Horticultural and Sports Turf Management or IOG National Diploma in Turf culture or BTEC/HND/HNC in Turf Science and Sports Ground Management or City and Guilds
- A flexible and adaptable approach in order to meet fast-changing grounds needs and priorities
- The ability to work independently
- Appropriate understanding of the relevant Health & Safety regulations
- A valid UK driving license

Benefits

- Holiday allowance increasing with service
- 2 x standard Lancashire Cricket season memberships
- Social events throughout the year
- Fitness classes, table tennis club and yoga
- Basic contributory pension scheme with option to join enhanced pension scheme, including life assurance, after 3 months service
- Optional health cash plan scheme
- Discounts at the Lancashire Cricket Official Store, Trafford Cricket Centre, Hilton Garden Inn Emirates Old Trafford, Caffè Nero and with the Club's partners
- Free parking

How to Apply

Does this sound like you? If so, please send your CV with covering letter and current salary details to careers@lancashirecricket.co.uk. Closing date for applications is **Friday 4th February 2022**.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have skills that support our future vision. Lancashire Cricket is an equal opportunities organisation and we are committed to providing new opportunities and striving for greater diversity.

It is a priority for Lancashire Cricket to ensure our Club appropriately reflects the wider communities across the North West and as we strive to meet Sport England Guidance in this regard, we would welcome applications from individuals with the appropriate skills and experience that can also enhance our current diversity mix at the Club.