

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

Do you want to be an integral part of a grounds team that delivers world-class test match standard pitches and facilities that enable players to showcase the very best the game of cricket has to offer? Do you have the skills and experience needed to contribute to our world-class team, led by a three-time ECB Grounds Manager of the year, ensuring that our pitches continue to score highly in areas such as carry and bounce in assessments carried out by the ECB and the ICC? If so, you could well be our next Groundsperson.

At Lancashire Cricket, we pride ourselves on playing good quality cricket on the best pitches possible and the entire grounds team are dedicated to helping the cricket department with the preparation of these pitches, both on practice and match days, across all formats of the game.

We now have a rare opportunity for a qualified Groundsperson to join our Grounds team and to help us deliver unrivalled playing surfaces for some of the biggest domestic and international fixtures, not only at Emirates Old Trafford, but also across our Outground sites as well. We're looking for a Groundsperson who has ideally worked on cricket pitches, however applications from people who've worked on grounds in other top-level sporting environments would be considered, as long as you can demonstrate you have the experience and knowledge required to hit the ground running.

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 a Groundsperson at Lancashire Cricket 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
- Assisting on the main ground and practice areas during match days
- Mowing, rolling and pitch marking
- Moving heavy covers (both wheeled and flat sheets) in inclement weather
- Ensuring compliance with all Health and Safety requirements
- 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
- NVQ Level in Sports Turf Management (or equivalent)
- Level 2 Groundsperson qualification
- 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.