

GROUNDSPERSON (OUTGROUNDS)
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 all 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.

As a qualified and experienced Groundsperson you will join our Grounds team and to help us deliver unrivalled playing surfaces for some of the biggest domestic and international fixtures at Emirates Old Trafford. In addition, you will also oversee the preparation and maintenance of playing surfaces, practice surfaces and other facilities for matches that take place across our outground sites including Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool and Sedbergh School. 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.

Given the extra outgrounds responsibility of the role we need somebody who is comfortable working independently, can effectively manage their own workload and is a great motivator, communicator and stakeholder manager. Ideally you will have experience in cricket, managing more than one site, however applications from people who've worked on grounds in other top-level sporting environments will also be considered.

On the horizon, 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 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

- 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 licence

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 it could be the right opportunity for you? If so, please send your CV with covering letter and current salary details to careers@lancashirecricket.co.uk. Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 24th May 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.