

# PERSON SPECIFICATION



**WARRINGTON**  
Borough Council

JOB TITLE	GRADE	DIRECTORATE	SERVICE
Arborist	Career Grade 5 -7	Economic Regeneration, Growth & Environment	Parks & Woodlands

## **NOTE TO APPLICANTS:**

Whilst all points on the specification are important, those marked 'E' (essential) are the key requirements. You should pay particular attention to these points and provide evidence of meeting them. Failure to do so may mean that you will not be invited for interview.

CRITERIA	NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS	* M.O. A.
<b>EXPERIENCE</b> (Required to do the job) Consider type, paid, unpaid. Emphasis is on range and depth rather than length	<p><b><u>Please note progression to Grade 7 is subject to the achievement of qualifications, training and experience</u></b></p> <p><b>At Grade 5</b>                      Experience in supervision of apprentices/ lower grade staff. (D)                      Demonstrable appropriate level of practical experience in woodland management operations (E) A I                      Experience in dealing with emergency tree risk assessment and operations ( D ) A I                      Experience of dealing with the public (E)</p> <p><b>At Grade 6 all of the above plus</b>                      Experience in supervision of apprentices/ lower grade staff. (E)                      Experience of meeting work deadlines (E) A I                      Experience of working within an Environmental Service (E)                      Experience in dealing with emergency tree risk assessment and operations ( E ) A I                      Demonstrable practical experience in arboricultural operations (E)                      Experience in undertaking high quality pruning and tree works to BS3998 (E) A I</p> <p><b>At Grade 7 all of the above</b>                      Experience in undertaking formal tree inspections, condition and health and safety risk assessments. (E) A, I                      Experience in leading team to undertake range of operations (aerial &amp; ground) including large tree dismantling (E) A, I</p>	

<p><b>SKILLS AND ABILITIES</b> Consider level and type e.g. written, verbal, numerical, supervisory or other job related skills including suitability to work with children and/or vulnerable adults</p>	<p><b>At Grade 5</b> Ability to competently operate and utilise a range of arboricultural equipment( E ) Excellent communications skills, both verbal and written ( E ) Ability to develop and sustain effective working relationships ( E )</p> <p><b>At Grade 6 all of the above plus</b> Ability to work as a member of a team (E) Ability to work with minimum supervision (E) Ability to work under pressure (E) Ability to solve problems and develop solutions (E) Effective communication skills, written and verbal (E) Ability to competently operate and utilise a broad range of arboricultural equipment (E)</p> <p><b>At Grade 7 all of the above plus</b> Ability to be pro-active and develop creative and pioneering solutions to problems (E)</p>	<p>A + I</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE</b> Consider level and type e.g. vocational training, job-related</p>	<p><b>At Grade 5</b> NPTC Arboricultural, Forestry and related qualifications CS30 Maintain the Chainsaw (E) CS31 to 33 Fell Trees (E) CS33/34 Clear Windblown Trees (D) CS36 Cross-cutting (E) CS38 Climb Trees and Perform Aerial Rescue (D) CS39 Operate the Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness (D) Understanding of Health and Safety procedures ( E ) Full UK Driving Licence (E)</p> <p><b>At Grade 6 all of the above plus</b> Working knowledge of Health &amp; Safety Regulations (E) Awareness of Environmental Issues (E) CS33/34 Clear Windblown Trees (E) CS 38 Climb Trees &amp; perform Aerial Rescue (E) CS 39 Operation of a chainsaw from Rope &amp; Harness (E)</p> <p><b>At Grade 7 all of the above plus</b> Detailed knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations ( E)</p>	<p>A + I</p>

<p><b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b> Hours of work, rota patterns, working conditions, location and the requirement to drive should be stated if essential to the job. Specify if standard or enhanced CRB clearance is required</p>	<p><b>At Grade 5</b> Ability and willingness to work evenings, weekends, night-time and public holidays as required (E) Ability to work as part of a team (E) Hold a HGV Licence (D) Contribute to out of hours call out – rota (D)</p> <p><b>At Grade 6 all of the above plus</b> Willingness to work outside normal hours as required (E) Hold a HGV Licence (E) Lorry loader (e.g. hiab) Operators Licence (E) Ipaf mobile platform licence (E) To participate in an emergency call-out service (E) A, I</p> <p><b>At Grade 7 all of the above plus</b> Hold a HGV Licence (E) A, I To keep up to date with industry guidance to inform, develop and redraft SSW and Risk Assessments (E) A, I</p>	<p>A +I</p>
<p><b>COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b> Consider the level of understanding and knowledge required</p>	<p><b>At all levels</b> Ability to understand and demonstrate commitment to equality and diversity (E)</p>	<p>A&amp;I</p>
<p><b>COMMITMENT TO SERVICE DELIVERY/CUSTOMER CARE</b> Consider level of knowledge Required</p>	<p><b>At all levels</b> Able to show a high degree of awareness towards the needs of the customer (E) A,I Demonstrate tact and sensitivity when dealing with the public (E) A,I Aware of different needs of visitors from all sections of the community in relation to parks and opens spaces. (E) AI</p>	<p>A&amp;I</p>

COMPLETED BY	DATE	APPROVED BY	DATE

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT (\* M.O.A.)

**A** = APPLICATION FORM, **C** = CERTIFICATE, **E** = EXERCISE, **I** = INTERVIEW, **P** = PRESENTATION, **T** = TEST, **AC** = ASSESSMENT CENTRE