

Job Description

Job Title	Play Area Maintenance Operative
Grade	Band E
Reporting To	Landscape Development Officer
JD Ref	OPS0018G

Purpose

Maintain Wirral's Play Areas, Outdoor Gym (Fitness Equipment) and Multi-Use Games Areas by carrying out a range of maintenance operations including inspection, cleaning, maintenance, repairs and replacement of equipment, surfacing and all site furniture, including signage, seating, fencing and gates.

Main Duties And Responsibilities

Behavioural:

- Enjoy, achieve, create impact, and thrive in the role and organisation.
- Live our values in the role and organisation.

Parks, Allotments & Countryside Duties & Responsibilities:

- Install new equipment and site furniture when required, as per the manufacturer's installation instructions and any layout drawings issued, to precise measurements.
- Drive allocated vehicles in order to carry out general duties.
- Carry out a range of maintenance and cleaning duties, e.g. rake sand and bark, remove and or treat weeds and moss, paint equipment, lubricate bearings and remove graffiti.
- Operate light plant, machinery and power tools in order to clean and maintain sites and to remove and install equipment and site furniture.
- Carry out regular routine maintenance and repair of all specified equipment and safety surfacing to ensure equipment is in a good and safe working order and ensure that the areas are free from litter.
- Identify, prioritise and report any defects, faults or repairs that are needed or have been completed using the appropriate format.
- Carry out regular site inspections of all play areas and outdoor gyms and carry out safety checks of play equipment, surfacing, fencing, site furniture and gates, completing report for each inspection.

Compliance:

- Adhere to and comply with all relevant corporate policies and procedures including Health & Safety, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Corporate Governance and Code of Conduct.

Other:

- Any other duties commensurate with the grade.

Role Specific Knowledge, Experience And Skills

Qualifications

- Full Driving License
- Maths and English to GCSE level or equivalent
- *Desirable - Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) qualification (or similar) in play area inspection at a Routine or Operational level or willingness to undertake RPII training and testing to an Operational standard.*
- *Desirable - City & Guild, NVQ or HNC in Horticulture or subject complementary to the technical inspection and maintenance and repair of play equipment or similar.*
- *Desirable - PA1/PA6 or other approved pesticides certification.*

Knowledge & Skills

- Confident working at heights and have the ability to bend to work in confined and awkward spaces.
- An understanding of the general principles of play area safety standards and the need for regular play area inspection and maintenance.
- Good communication skills.
- Practical skills and abilities, e.g. DIY, assembly skills or minor construction including landscape construction.
- An understanding of and an ability to deliver excellent customer services to internal and external customers.
- Willing to work outside in all weather conditions.
- IT literate, sufficient to use a smartphone and basic use of computer.
- Ability to lift heavy objects.
- Knowledge of relevant legislation including Health & Safety at Work Act and Security Act.
- *Desirable - Knowledge of relevant standards applicable to play and fitness equipment.*
- *Desirable - Knowledge of various types of outdoor play and fitness equipment.*
- *Desirable - Knowledge of the parks and open spaces in Wirral.*



Experience

- Experience of using a wide range of hand and power tools
- *Desirable - Undertaking inspections of play/fitness equipment and undertaking general maintenance and repair works.*
- *Desirable - Experience in the use of Play Area Inspection Software.*
- *Desirable – Working with the general public.*

Additional Information

- Ability to travel across the Borough and work from various locations.
- On occasion, able to work outside traditional hours, of a weekend, bank holiday and evening as required, adopting a flexible working approach in response to business requirements.
- Requires the willingness to wear a uniform.

Health & Safety Considerations:

- Prolonged Repetitive Movements/Actions
- Moving or handling heavy loads
- Working with dust or fumes
- Working with skin irritants /sensitisers
- Working with chemicals (industrial or cleaning)
- Working at Heights
- Working with vibrating equipment / tools
- Exposure to Noise (>80dbA)
- Lone working
- Working outside
- Work with VDUs (Video Display Unit) (>5hrs per week)
- Driving duties
- Driving LGV or PCVs
- Exposure to persons with challenging or aggressive behaviour

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