



Parks and Play Maintenance Technician

Salary: Band: 5, £26,473 - £28,239 per annum

37 hours per week - Monday to Friday

Working Monday to Thursday 7.30am - 4.00pm and Friday 7.30am - 3.30pm.

Portsmouth City Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership safer recruitment procedures.

This role requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at Standard/Enhanced level which will be required prior to any offer of employment and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

The Service

The Parks Service is responsible for the strategic management, inspection and maintenance of a diverse portfolio of parks, gardens and open spaces that are enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors every day. These range from high-profile formal parks to neighbourhood and pocket parks, sports pitches, ball courts, children's play areas, natural greenspaces, wildlife habitats, informal grassed areas, trees and allotments.

The Parks and Play Maintenance Technician plays a vital role in supporting the delivery of high-quality, safe and welcoming outdoor environments. This role contributes directly to the wider objectives of the Culture and Regulatory Services directorate, working in partnership with teams such as Tourism and Visitor Services, Events and Seafront, and helping to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population.

The Parks Infrastructure Service provides a consistently high standard of safety, quality and compliance through robust inspection, maintenance and repair of parks and open space infrastructure across the city, as well as selected sites outside the city boundary.

This remit includes, but is not limited to:

- Children's play areas and associated safety surfaces
- Skateboard parks and wheeled sports facilities
- Water infrastructure, including splash pools, bottle fillers and play water features
- Multi-use games areas (MUGAs)
- Outdoor fitness and gym equipment
- Fencing, gates and boundary structures
- Pathways, hard surfaces and associated ancillary items, including drainage
- Other parks and open space infrastructure as required



The service operates citywide within Portsmouth, with additional responsibilities for sites located in Havant, Leigh Park and Wecock Farm.

What is the role?

As a Parks and Play Maintenance Technician, you will carry out a range of repair, maintenance and safety-related works to parks and open space infrastructure. The majority of this work will be on play equipment.

Key responsibilities include:

- Undertaking general maintenance and repair works as directed.
- Responding to urgent health and safety issues when required.
- Accurately recording inspections, defects and completed works (electronically).
- Travelling regularly across multiple sites within and outside the city.
- Liaising with internal colleagues and assisting external contractors as required.
- Ensuring all works comply with relevant Health & Safety legislation and European and British Standards for Play Areas (BS EN) and any other applicable legislation.
- Working independently or as part of a team, depending on operational needs.

You will be expected to work outdoors in all weather conditions and manage your own workload safely and efficiently.

Who is the person?

You must be able to demonstrate that you:

1. Have a good understanding of mechanical fitting and safety principles.
2. Can identify faults and determine appropriate remedial action.
3. Have knowledge of BS EN and other relevant safety standards.
4. Are competent in the safe use of a wide range of hand and powered tools.
5. Can interpret written reports, plans and drawings.
6. Work in a safe, tidy and methodical manner, protecting yourself, colleagues and the public.
7. Maintain clear and accurate records (electronically).
8. Communicate effectively with contractors, council staff and members of the public.
9. Be physically fit to carry out the requirements of this post.
10. Are flexible, adaptable and a reliable team player, able to use your own initiative.



11. Have strong observational skills and the confidence to respond to health and safety concerns immediately.
12. Are able to undertake basic calculations.
13. Can evidence relevant technical and practical skills.
14. Hold a full, valid driving licence.
15. Ability to positively negotiate and handle difficult situations.
16. Are willing and able to work alone across multiple sites.

You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.

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