



HEAD GROUNDSPERSON JOB ADVERT

JOB TITLE: Head Groundsperson

LOCATION: Sheffield Wednesday Football Club Hillsborough Stadium and Middlewood Road Training Ground

REPORTS TO: Operations Manager

LIAISON: First Team Management

EXTERNAL LIAISON: Suppliers

WORKING HOURS: 40 hours per week plus attendance at all home fixtures

SALARY: Dependent on experience

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Head Groundsperson will be responsible for the delivery of pitch maintenance and improvement at both sites to the highest standards. Managing a team of staff to deliver the highest quality playing surfaces and work flexibly due to the first team commitments.

The roles and responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Presentation of all pitches to the highest standard for matches and training schedules
- Creation of work and fertiliser programmes to ensure all pitches are maintained to the highest possible standard
- Establishing and managing budgets for all aspects of work undertaken and ensuring those budgets are adhered to
- Liaising with suppliers to order products and services where required
- Ensure machinery is maintained and serviced to the required standard
- Managing and upskilling staff to ensure they can carry out their duties in an efficient and professional manner
- Presenting and managing an end of season/closed season pitch renovation programme
- Liaising with the First Team Manager, academy, and coaching staff daily to ensure pitches are appropriately prepared for training and matches
- Providing support and training to apprentices when necessary
- Creating and maintaining relationships with key suppliers
- Availability for training programmes to ensure industry trends are always adhered to
- Any other duties as required and directed by the Operations Manager

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SKILLS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Qualified or working towards an NVQ Level 3 in Sports Turf Management or equivalent qualification.

- Experience in working on professional sports pitches is desirable
- PA1, 2a and 6 Spraying Certificates are desirable.
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills with the ability to remain calm under pressure
- Ability to lead a team to achieve the desired standards
- Ability to work effectively, lead a team and independently using own initiative.

HOW TO APPLY

SWFC is an Equal Opportunities and Disability Confident employer and welcomes applicants from all sectors of the community.

SWFC is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. As such you may be subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service and prior to taking up any role.

[A shortlist of suitable applicants will be completed shortly after the closing date and successful candidates will be contacted about the interview process.](#)

If you feel you have all the qualities and experience, please complete the application form and send your CV and covering letter to vacancies@swfc.co.uk

Closing Date: 30th Sept 2023