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Landscape and Forestry Officer

Joined The Parks Trust: 2019

What do you do?

I manage the parks in the West of Milton Keynes. I ensure that the contracts are running smoothly and carry out regular tree inspections and safety and visual checks throughout the parks. I also manage the pony paddocks owned by The Parks Trust. This involves carrying out regular inspections, instructing works to maintain and improve the paddocks, liaising with tenants and issuing annual licences.

What did you do when you left school?

After school I took a year out to do some travelling before going to university to study Geography. My modules at university allowed me to explore some of my interests. I loved trees and ecology and decided to gain some volunteering experience with the Birmingham Institute of Forest Research.

Why did you want to work for The Parks Trust?

I wanted to work for the parks trust as I was keen to work outside. I wanted to be a landscape officer as I have the opportunity to make positive changes in the parks and green spaces which are long-lasting and beneficial for both locals and wildlife.

Describe your career journey so far.

I started a job at the Parks Trust as a Landscape and Forestry Trainee, where I was carrying out the practical tasks of coppicing, thinning and other tree works.

After a year and a half, I moved into the office and started my next role as the Operations and Landscape Support Officer. I then moved into my current role as Landscape and Forestry Officer.

What skills or qualities do you need to be successful in your role?

Organisation is important, along with being self-motivated and having a good attention to detail.

Knowledge of tree and shrub species is important as well as a desire to continue learning new things.



My words of wisdom...

Studying a broad subject (Geography) allowed me to explore my interests. I believe that having this qualification allowed me to progress into the role I am in today.