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| **PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE**  **SALARY GRADE: hbc4** | Halton Borough Council  resourcing@halton.gov.uk |
| Working at Halton | |
| All our colleagues at Halton have made a positive commitment to delivering great outcomes for our communities. Whoever joins us will share that passion for outstanding service, and strongly align with the values which define our workplace culture:   * Working Together – building fantastic relationships with colleagues and customers * Continuous Improvement – keeping great service delivery at the heart of everything we do * Personal Growth – learning, growing and developing ourselves * Accountability – doing what we say we are going to do * Inspiring Leadership – positive roles models and leading by example   *To read more about our values, click* [*HERE*](https://haltoncouncilcareers.co.uk/values/)  **We are immensely proud that when asked what’s great about working for Halton, the most popular response from our workforce has been ‘*our colleagues’*.**  Aside from working with a great team, our employees have access to a fantastic range of benefits, including:   * A generous annual holiday allowance starting at 34 days per year (including bank holidays), increasing with long service * Membership of our defined benefit, salary-linked pension scheme with generous Employer Contributions * 3 x Salary Life Cover via Local Government Pension Scheme * Investment in your personal development * Free Car Parking at HBC sites * Flexible / hybrid working arrangements available * Car leasing schemes   *For further information about all the benefits we offer, please click* [*HERE*](https://haltoncouncilcareers.co.uk/benefits/)*.* | |
| About the Job | |
| To work as part of the Playground Maintenance Team carrying out repairs, inspections and routine maintenance on the Borough’s Open Spaces and Equipped Children’s Playgrounds in accordance with recognised industry standards.  More specific responsibilities include:   * Work as part of the Playground Maintenance Team, as directed by the Team Leader, to undertake regular safety inspections of playgrounds and equipment; and to carry out repairs, install street and open space furniture. * Ensure all play surfaces are in a safe state of repair, free from glass and litter; and to act in accordance with the Council’s duty of care to report and/or replace damaged or dangerous items of play equipment as appropriate. * Maintain records of inspections and works including the use of IT based systems - specifically the PlaySafe IDM and PlaySafe computer asset management database to record inspections and associated information. * Make regular reports to the Environment Services Management Team on the condition and upkeep of the Children’s Playgrounds. * Carry out assessment of works as required to assist the Team Leader in the effective development and implementation of work schedules. * Maintain amenity areas including grass mowing, pruning shrubs and trees at open spaces and playground sites. * Paint items of play equipment, railings and other structures as and when required. * Responsible for the upkeep of the Team Workshop and Garage, to ensure it is kept in a clean and tidy condition in compliance with Health and Safety Regulations and Council Standing Orders. * Maintain and record a stock of spare parts in order that repairs can be carried out without delay. * Carry out a range of basic metal fabrication works including welding, burning and other such works at playgrounds and other Halton Borough Council sites. * Carry, out or to assist in, the servicing of mechanical components/elements of playground and associated equipment in accordance with manufacturers guidance and specification. * Comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act, associated Regulations, and Standing Orders. * Enforce relevant byelaws. * Carry out such duties as are commensurate with the post. | |
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| * GCSE at level C or above or equivalent in English and Maths. * NVQ 2 or equivalent in a relevant discipline (e.g. horticulture or engineering) * Work related Qualifications (i.e. Certificated use of horticultural/arboricultural machines).   In addition you will have:   * Experience in a land based industry. * Must have a good standard of practical maintenance skill. * Must have a good knowledge of horticultural practice and be able to use horticultural tools and machines. * Must hold a Full UK Driving Licence with B and B1. * Will be required to work one weekend in every four. During the week of weekend working two days will be taken off during the mid week period. * Hold (or achieve within 6 months of employment) suitable certification in Playground Inspection and Maintenance, i.e. RoSPA, NPFA, RPII validated   The Council and its schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults and expect all staff, workers and volunteers to share its commitment. | |
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