



GRIMSTHORPE & DRUMMOND CASTLE TRUST LIMITED

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Woodlands and Estate Maintenance Worker

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person, preferably with experience of working or training in forestry, to join our woodlands team. The role will be to assist in the management of Estate woodlands and wider Estate maintenance tasks.

This is a physically demanding role and includes a high level of manual work. You must have a flexible approach to work hours to help cope with emergencies and other unforeseen occurrences.

Benefits include 21 days holiday plus Bank Holidays, company pension scheme and ongoing training and development opportunities.

Reporting to the Woodlands and Estate Maintenance Foreman.

Job Description

Your responsibilities shall include:

- Tree planting and establishment
- Tree thinning and felling
- Firewood production
- Herbicide application
- Harvesting and extraction
- Coppicing
- Chainsaw and equipment maintenance
- Use of large machinery including tractors, forwarders and mowers
- Woodland and estate maintenance (to include dealing with windblown trees/fallen branches, fencing repairs, hedge cutting, road repairs)

Personal Specification

Essential skills and experience (*allowances may be made for the right candidate*):

- Full UK driving licence
- NPTC chainsaw certificates (minimum – maintenance & cross cutting & felling and processing trees up to 380mm)
- Experience in forestry or related areas
- A positive approach to health & safety
- Good problem-solving skills, and being able to work on your own or as part of a team

Desirable skills:

- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Pesticides certificates (PA1/PA6)
- Telehandler Experience

About the Grimsthorpe & Drummond Castle Trust Limited

The Trust

The Grimsthorpe and Drummond Castle Trust Limited is a registered charity, which owns the Grimsthorpe Estate in Lincolnshire and the central part of the Drummond Estate in Perthshire. The charity was created by the late Earl of Ancaster in 1978, and he donated his historic family properties to the charity. His daughter, Lady Willoughby de Eresby, continues on the Board of Directors of the company although the legal ownership of the properties is no longer in family hands.

The Estates include important buildings, Grimsthorpe Castle and Drummond Castle, their contents and surroundings, together with much other historically important property. The principle objective of the Company is to conserve and enhance the property and assets owned by the company.

Management Structure

The overall responsibility for the management of the company falls upon the nine Trustees. These include individuals nominated by bodies such as the National Trust and the National Galleries, as well as family members. The responsibility for the active management of the Estates lies with the managing Trustee and the Agent. In addition there are currently six administrative staff and about thirty other permanent Estate staff. Their duties encompass activities such as building maintenance, forestry, garden maintenance and security.

The Grimsthorpe Estate

The Estate is situated just north of Stamford in South Lincolnshire, it extends to about 12,500 acres and includes the Castle, gardens and park, which are open to the public. The remainder of the land is either let farmland or woodland. The woodland consists of 1,235 acres of plantations, amenity and conservation woodlands.

Within the Estate boundaries are three villages, which are owned to a greater or lesser degree by the Estate. In all there are around two hundred houses and twenty farms.