

## Deputy Head Groundsman Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Deputy Head Groundsman
LOCATION:	Boundary Park, Furtherwood Road OL1 2PA and Chapel Road Training Ground OL8 4QL
REPORTS TO:	Stadium & Facilities Manager
INTERNAL LIAISON:	Stadium & Facilities Manager, Grounds & Maintenance Team, First Team Management, Academy
EXTERNAL LIAISON:	Grounds Suppliers
WORKING HOURS:	35 Hours per week plus attendance at all home fixtures
SALARY:	Dependant on experience.

The Deputy Head Groundsman is to work with the Stadium & Facilities Manager to ensure the delivery of playing surfaces at both sites to the highest standards are maintained in a good and safe condition. It may be made of natural turf, synthetic turf or a combination of both. To be responsible for the delivery of grounds maintenance associated services and processes that support the operation of all sites, setting and ensuring the highest standards of safety, landscaping and grounds maintenance for O AFC's employees and customers.

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

- To lead and assist in the organisation of the grounds teams day to day duties.
- To deliver high quality grounds maintenance at all O AFC sites to the highest standards.
- To organise the groundstaff and general running of the grounds when the Stadium & Facilities Manager is not available.
- To be responsible for allocated ground maintenance tasks from start to completion including line marking, cylinder mowing, rotary mowing, divoting, irrigation, overseeding, fertilising, spraying, tractor and tractor mounted equipment work and any other grounds maintenance and landscape maintenance tasks that are required.
- To achieve the external and internal standards required in relation to playing surfaces and landscapes.
- To support match day operations in all first team competitions.
- To ensure the weekly/day to day operation for the delivery of grounds services at O AFC sites is to the highest standard, in line with health and safety, legislative, environmental and certifying authorities compliance and best practice.
- To monitor the results of the grounds maintenance service and suggest and deliver improvements.
- To keep hard surfaces in good tidy condition, tasks include sweeping and weeding.
- To ensure the machines, equipment and facilities are well maintained.
- To assist with gritting and clearing snow as required.
- To liaise and organise contractors at all O AFC sites when required by the Head Groundsman.
- Be available for the required training as prescribed by the football club.
- Any other duties as required and directed by the Owner, Stadium & Facilities Manager or Club Secretary.

## **Skills & Experience Required**

- Qualified with an NVQ Level 2 in Sports Turf Management or equivalent Qualification.
- Working towards 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.

## **How to apply**

To apply please provide your CV plus a covering letter including why you would be the ideal candidate for the role, your previous experience and salary expectations to:

Lee Williams (Stadium & Facilities Manager) - [Lee.Williams@oldhamathletic.co.uk](mailto:Lee.Williams@oldhamathletic.co.uk)

Or by Post to:

Lee Williams  
Oldham Athletic AFC  
Boundary Park  
Furtherwood Road  
Oldham  
OL1 2PA

Closing date for applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, due to urgency of this role we may conduct interviews before the closing date. All interviews will be at the earliest available opportunity.