



HEAD GROUNDSPERSON (Group-wide role)

Spennymoor Town are now an established National League North side following a four-year spell of rapid progression which featured three stunning promotions. Moors were a kick away from promotion to the Step 6 of the English football pyramid in 2019 but lost out to Chorley following a dramatic play-off final penalty shootout.

With an off-field set-up and facilities to rival Football League clubs, Spennymoor Town has fast become a highly regarded and universally renowned force in non-league football.

Spennymoor Town is more than a football club. It is the heartbeat of a town and the pride of County Durham. With the launch of Moors in the Community in 2022, the club are rapidly expanding their work in community settings. This is an exciting time to join the team.

Job Overview

Working within the Operations Team, reporting to the Club Operations Manager, to maintain The Brewery Field, pitches and associated areas/facilities of the Club and linked to the wider GAS Group.

This is a full time role with flexibility required due to the nature of the business as a Football Club. The Head Groundsperson will be responsible for co-ordinating key tasks using a team consisting of another full-time groundsperson, a group of volunteers, and supported by others within the Operations Team where required.

The individual will be a proven team player with strong and “easy” communication skills, supported by at 2 years proven supervisory experience. The Club is particularly keen to see applications from individuals with proven skills in maintaining large horticultural sites, in particular sports facilities.

Essential

Maintenance and upkeep of The Brewery Field outdoor areas, and associated Group venues.
Maintenance and upkeep of goals, dugouts and any other associated equipment. Implementing a weed control programme to areas such as paving and surrounding areas.

Overseeing and support of the maintenance and upkeep of associated training pitches, partner sites and community venues where applicable.

Preparation of annual report to the Club Chief Executive and Club General Manager in respect of annual pitch renovation proposals each summer, including proposal of works required to each pitch/area in line with the Club’s budgets.

Compliance with all necessary health and safety requirements.

Ensuring the machinery register and service records are kept fully up to date.

Regular monitoring of all pitches for prevention of disease.





Accurate record keeping including, but not limited to, fertilizer applications, aeration procedures, fungicide treatments etc.

Regular monitoring of weather forecast

Dealing with appropriate contractors and raising purchase orders as and when required.

Management of contracts relating to machinery maintenance, irrigation engineers etc.

Management of gritting procedures in the event of freezing weather. Areas also to be gritted and prepared in advance of staff and players arriving for work.

Management of the frost covers in order that matches at the stadium & first team training is always considered in advance of freezing weather.

Weekend work required in accordance with the Club's fixture programmes at all levels and to manage the recovery of the surfaces prior to next fixture

The successful candidates will possess the following qualifications and attributes:

Desirable

Formal Training in manual handling and risk assessment

Thorough understanding of relevant Health and Safety legislation

National/Scottish Vocational Qualification in Amenity Horticulture Level 3 Sports Turf

Maintenance or IOG National Intermediate Diploma or BTEC National Diploma or National

Certificate in Turf Science and Sports Ground Management or City & Guilds Advanced

National Certificate in Horticulture or a proven track record for at least 5 years as an experienced groundsperson.

