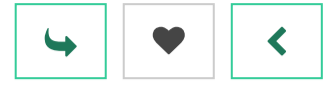


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Groundsperson

Also called: Greenkeeper

A groundsperson, or greenkeeper, looks after sports grounds like football, cricket, or rugby pitches.



Bradley Tennant

Head Groundskeeper

Bradley Tennant

Head Groundsperson at Swindon Supermarine Football Club

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What you'll do

You could work for a private leisure company, school, or park, keeping the sports ground in good condition. Your day-to-day tasks will include:

- preparing land for laying turf (grass)
- rolling and mowing grass
- marking lines on pitches or greens
- installing and maintaining equipment
- operating equipment like strimmers and ride-on mowers

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

Working hours and environment

You'll usually work around 37 hours a week. This could include evenings, weekends, and some early starts.

You'll be largely working outside in all weathers, doing machine-based tasks like mowing and strimming. Some of these tasks may be repetitive and tiring.

You may spend some of your time travelling between sites. You could be spending lots of time working alone, or as part of a small team of grounds people.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could progress to supervisor, team leader or head of section.

You could get training from the [Institute of Groundsmanship \(IOG\)](#).

Skills required

You'll need:

- physical ability, as you'll be doing physical tasks like marking lines or rolling grass
- practical skills to operate heavy equipment, like strimmers and mowers
- good attention to detail, to maintain accurate markings and patterns in turf, for example
- the ability to work independently, as you could be working alone a lot of the time
- adaptability, to adjust well to changes in the weather and other unpredictable circumstances

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Entry requirements

There are no set requirements to get into this career, but the following can help:

- a high school diploma, Level 2 qualifications (like GCSEs, BTECs, National 5s, Brevet, or equivalent)
- work experience in gardening, or as an assistant groundskeeper or landscaper
- volunteering experience maintaining outdoor settings, such as parks, golf courses, or sports playing fields
- a qualification in horticulture or sports and amenity turf maintenance

You may also need a driving licence.

In some countries, you may be able to complete an apprenticeship or traineeship in horticulture or grounds maintenance to gain practical experience while you work.

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Labour Market Information (LMI)

Median averages relating to the Groundsperson profession.

 UK

 USA

Jobs

Agricultural workers

297,337

 563 in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

1	Devon	12,214
2	Hampshire	9,308
3	Kent	8,835
4	Surrey	7,704
5	Cornwall	7,668

Salaries

Groundswokers and greenkeepers

£28,288

 £26,068 in your region of North West

Top 5 regions

1	East of England	£27,107
2	South West	£26,297
3	North West	£26,068
4	South East	£26,022
5	Scotland	£25,844

🕒 Hours/week

Groundsworkers and greenkeepers

40

📍 39.7 in your region of North West

📈 Growth

2020-2035

Agricultural workers

+7.8% ↑ 29,404 jobs

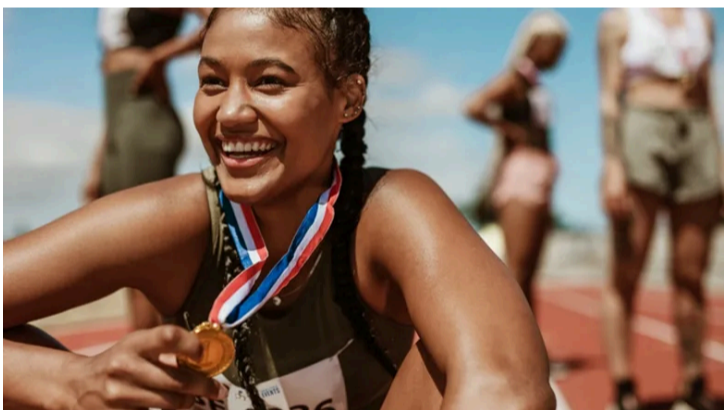
📍 +6.9% in your region of North West, an increase of 2,429 jobs

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