

The Bedford Group of Drainage Boards



The Bedford Group of Drainage Boards manages surface water in the Upper River Great Ouse catchment, from north Oxfordshire, through Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire to Huntingdon. We are actively involved in maintaining and improving: watercourses, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), and flood risk management assets.

We are seeking the following to join the Boards' workforce:

LAND DRAINAGE OPERATIVES

With experience of watercourse maintenance using hand and power tools and heavy plant.

Basic salary circa £22,500 plus overtime, travelling allowances and Local Government Pension Scheme

JOB DESCRIPTION

Responsible to the Site Manager.

Maintaining watercourses and drainage channels

Manual clearing of blockages in watercourses and culverts (inc. working in a watercourse)

Using hand tools and small plant and equipment such as chainsaw and strimmer

Construction of simple civil engineering structures (e.g. pipes and manholes, headwalls, river revetment etc)

Tree and bush clearance, burning and chipping, fencing and reinstatement

Driving vehicles and plant such as tractor flail, tractor and trailer, and dumper

Banks-man to mechanical excavator watercourse maintenance works

Work using a Method Statement, with due regard to technical, health and safety and environmental requirements

Provide accurate records of your time at work, travelling and operation of plant and equipment

Attending training courses provided by the Board.

Assist as necessary to support in any flooding incident.

Undertake additional activities deemed appropriate to deliver the Board's business.

Terms and conditions:

The post holder will be required to work 37 ½ hours per week plus overtime as and when necessary to deliver the Board's maintenance programme. Work will be carried out in a safe and efficient manner. Work may involve some additional out of hours working, in particular during periods of storm and high rainfall.

You will be entitled to 22 days annual holiday, together with public holidays and 4 extra statutory days, set by the Board.

The post is based on watercourse maintenance sites and will involve travelling within the general area of the drainage district. From time to time duties and training may require travelling away from the area.

In Addition:

A valid driving license is essential. An essential users' vehicle allowance is applicable for this post.

Heavy manual work and walking in urban and remote rural areas will be involved, hence the post holder will need to be fully fit and agile

The post holder will be provided with a mobile phone for business use.

The post holder will be provided with suitable personal protective clothing.

The post holder is eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Further information on the Bedford Group and its activities can be found on our website at: www.idbs.org.uk

To Apply for the Post

If you would like to apply for a Land Drainage Operative post please email contact@idbs.org.uk stating the post for which you are applying and attaching your up-to-date CV or post a paper copy of your CV, with a covering letter explaining the post you are applying for, to Bedford Group of IDBs, Vale House, Broadmead Road, Stewartby, Bedford. MK43 9ND. If you need any further information please telephone 01234 767995.