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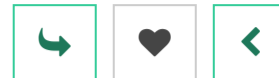
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# Groundsperson

Also called: Greenkeeper

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



## 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

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## 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

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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

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## Entry requirements

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

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

You may also need a driving licence.

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Agricultural and related trades


**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**

Groundsmen and greenkeepers


**£21,936**

Agricultural and related trades


**£24,579**
 **£24,564** in your region of North West
**Top 3 regions**

1	East of England	£26,058
2	Scotland	£25,765
3	South East	£25,432

 **Growth**

2020-2035

Skilled agricultural and related trades


**+7.8%**    ↑ 29,404 jobs

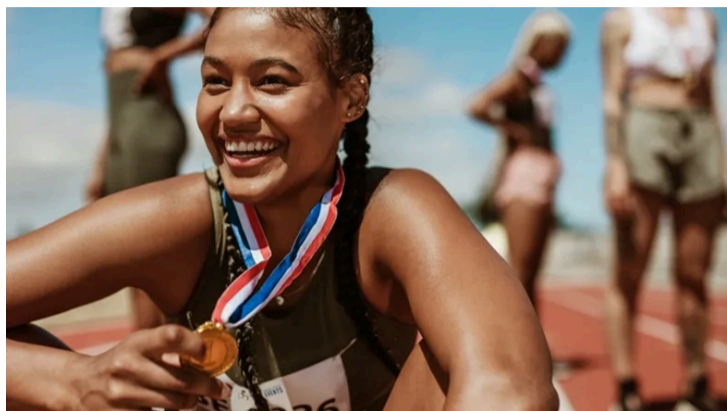
 **+6.9%** in your region of North West, an increase of 2,429 jobs

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