

For my school work experience I worked for a freight forwarding company. My duties included putting data onto excel & filing. I was taught how to export goods to other countries and taking telephone queries for the team.

12th-13th April 2013 - Leyton Orient Football Club

After successfully applying and being chosen as part of the N Power "What's Your Goal?" I got the position as grounds man. My duties included sponging the pitch, redoing the white lines on the pitch, checking the goal nets to make sure there are no holes and forking the pitch (as the ground was waterlogged). I also put the N Power signs beside the pitch. The grounds man Colin said I was welcome to come back as he was very pleased with all my hard work and what I took on board.

Work: _____ Leyton Orient Football Club – February 2015 – February 2017

After enjoying my work experience at Leyton orient, I then went on to be an Apprentice groundsman whilst studying at Writtle college. My roles were learning the trade of my head grounds person and also assisting him. My roles were to use pedestrian mowers such as Rotary and cylinders, to use pesticides correctly and necessary, to maintain the pitch such as edging, devoting, removing weeds, top dressing areas and also seeding worn areas, cleaning mowers after using them, marking out the area of the pitch and doing regular stock checks

I also help around the ground such as fixing broken seats, picking litter up and just regular cleaning around the ground so it's nice and neat for spectators.

Fulham Football Club – March 2017 – June 2017

I'm currently working at Fulham football club as a grounds person. I work at both Craven cottage (Stadium) and Motspur Park (training ground). My role at the stadium is to maintain the surface to the best of its ability by maintain the cut, using irrigation system to give the grass moisture, using SGL grow light in bare patches to enable growth and faster germination, using Rigby Taylor products for both liquid feed and granular fertiliser to ensure the health of the grass, using machinery such as Honda rotary mowers and Dennis G860 cylinder mowers with two different cassettes such as a verti cut and a brush. After the end of the day I put germination sheets over worn areas and also foxes netting around the perimeter off the pitch to prevent pests damaging the surface

At Motspur Park, I get in early ready to do a cut with Dennis mowers, Honda rotary or a Toro ride on mower ready for the

players to train on. Throughout the day I intend to do tidy up the place as cutting the hedges so it's presentable, blowing leaves away, checking machinery if they working right, applying irrigation. As the area big I travel round in a buggy to carry equipment to the place I'm working on. I also use a Toro ProCore to relief compaction.

Colfe's School – June 2017- Present

As wanting to expand my knowledge of Groundsmanship I joined Colfe's School. Throughout the year the school sports department the following sports surfaces to prepare and look after; Rugby, Football, Cricket and athletics. At Colfe's school our aim was to make sports surfaces suitable, comfortable and presentation was key to make our sports surfaces to a high standard. There different machinery for different surfaces as I use Baroness ride-on mower to cut either rugby, football and cricket outfield, 2 Kubota tractors whilst putting on attachment and implements such as a Toro Verti-Drain, SISIS quadruplate, Distributor for granular fertilisers, a regular brush to remove dew from the surface.

To add, machinery to cut wickets and squares we use either the Dennis G860 or Allett Buffalo mower to give the square a nice fine cut and cut the wickets with a Ransom wicket mower to scalp the surface so the ball can bounce true.

I also mark out pitches and running tracks with a Rigby Taylor Spray marker with Impact XP paint which will stick to leaf as well as the soil as there may be no grass coverage on where your marking. When at the school we also do our own renovations by hiring machinery from Lister Wilder such as a sand spreader and spreader. We do this in growing season as grass will establish better and healthier.

To conclude, there little bit around the school to do such as marking a pitch from nothing by getting your 3,4,5 angles to make it accurate, we also tend to do leaf blowing and strimming with Stihl machinery, pruning plants, spot spraying weeds but as well spraying squares with a team sprayer, throughout the winter months we cut the squares with a Honda rotary mower as new grass just established as we don't want to use cylinders as it will pull the grass out.

London Stadium – West Ham United – November 2016 – Present

I currently do Match days for the London Olympic stadium. My job told by Greg Bolton (Head Groundsman) is to take down the Harrods portable goals, then to level one half of the pitch to enable a flat and stable surface and after the game has occurred I

than use the honda rotary mowers with a brush on the front to pick up the remaining debris. Due to weather permitting we would put SGL grow lights to enable growth.

Interests:

As well as loving and playing football, I enjoy socialising with friends, which includes going to concerts, spending time going out to places and like travelling to different places off the world

References:

Justin Willis- Ziegler Group Ltd
Howard Gould – Leyton Orient
Colin James – Leyton Orient