Waste Operative (Open Spaces)
Waste and Street Scene Services
Band 3

This role may be required to work at any of the council’s depots in Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Mildenhall. You may reasonably be required to work at any other of the council’s premises as required in order to meet the needs of the service.

Hours of work

All posts are based on a 37 hour working week and will be aligned individually to meet operational requirements, the current span of the operation is 06.00 – 18.00 Monday to Sunday. Each post will work 37 hours within this period.

Key responsibilities and activities

- To be part of the operational team providing waste collection and open spaces services across the West Suffolk Council area.

- To include undertaking of cleansing of and small ground works operations. To help secure a sustainable and clean environment and improve the environment for residents of West Suffolk.

- To complete all work to the standard and the quality specified in our waste contracts and within statutory standards.

- To represent the council in a professional manner in accordance with customer care policy, contract specification and works procedures.

- To ensure that all aspects of the work are carried out in a safe manner in accordance with the council’s health and safety policy including wearing, maintaining and laundering personal protective equipment (PPE) as issued.

Daily tasks

Street cleansing

- To cleanse streets manually and/or mechanically, including litter picking to the required standards of the Codes of Practice for Litter and Refuse (COPLAR).

- To service litter and dog bins across the area including erecting, dismantling and repairing dog and litter bins.

- To remove gum and graffiti as required, bollards and road signs being aware of surrounding traffic and pedestrians and clear properties of rubbish/furniture as required.
**Grounds maintenance**

- To litter pick and clear debris from open space amenities, including use of associated equipment, leaf blowing, strumming and hedge maintenance.

- To assist the broader grounds team with, grass cutting, watering, line marking, spraying and all other activities appropriate to the post:-

You will also assist other crews as and when required. This may include:

**Waste collection**

- To remove household, industrial and commercial waste from a variety of locations e.g. houses, shops, schools.

- To collect wheeled refuse containers, place them on the vehicle’s bin lift, activate the lift mechanism, remove empty bins & replace them at the property/collection point, replace sacks when required i.e. for textiles. Ensuring the refuse container does not obstruct footpaths or entrances.

- To collect waste from various other locations, which is loose in bins, plastic, or other sacks and load it into the refuse collection vehicle.

- To assist the driver in the safe manoeuvring of the vehicle and at the refuse disposal point also complying with the contractors site rules.

- To assist the driver with maintaining vehicle cleanliness and checks.

**Other**

- You shall be required to use in cab or handheld technology (PDA’s).

- To prepare and submit timesheets, defect reports and other forms in a clear, legible and accurate manner.

- To carry out any other reasonable tasks commensurate to the pay band.