



Assistant Propagator
Salary £20,000 - £25,000

We are an award-winning specialist plant nursery near Pulborough in West Sussex with a reputation for designing and planting exceptional gardens. With a prodigious collection of Japanese and European topiary, exotic and tropical specimens, screening plants and rarities, our mission is to exceed our clients' expectations with exciting, bold and innovative work. The highest standard of service is guaranteed by our dedicated and plant obsessed team.

We are looking for an individual to fill this new Assistant Propagator role in our expanding homegrown production team. You will need to strive for brilliance whenever propagating and growing our expansive and beautiful range of homegrown plants. These plants are produced by seeds, cuttings or layering for which the hired individual will be responsible for, in partnership with our Lead Propagator. You will need to show a high level of organisation and willingness to learn about our rigorous propagation schedule and the plants that make up that list. You will have a knowledge of, or a strong desire to learn about the biological side of plants within commercial horticulture. This role will develop for the right candidate who is able to master horticultural techniques including the propagation, training, pruning and general care of our extensive range of plants.

Essential

- Broad understanding of plant growth and a desire to learn more about the plants we produce
- Ability to work under instruction, efficiently within a team and also have the drive to work individually and get the job done
- Physically fit and with a focused work rate to deal with the moving and potting of large numbers of plants
- Hands on experience in a horticultural role, a keen eye for detail, able to learn quickly and accurately with a hunger for horticultural knowledge
- Be a safe pair of hands within and around the nursery and be able to apply a wide set of practical skills and enthusiasm to be able to help around the nursery

Desirable

- Prior knowledge base of plant propagation and an understanding of the needs of different plant groups such as tropical, desert, tender and hardy herbaceous
- Horticultural qualifications, such as RHS L2 or equivalent, and/or specialist training, such as PA1 & PA6 licence etc
- Enjoyment and evidence of effective independent working, with strategies work through large numbers of seedlings and cuttings on our commercial scale

Please apply with your CV and a short supporting statement explaining why you would be suitable for this role. The recruitment process will then involve a short telephone interview followed by an in-person interview with the Managing Director and Lead Propagator. The next step would be to invite you to a trial at the nursery, where your knowledge, technical abilities and suitability for the role will be tested in a practical setting.

Work Remotely: No

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Salary: £20,000 - £25,000 per year

Start Date: January/February 2023

Schedule: 2-week rota, Week 1: Tuesday - Saturday, Week 2: Monday – Friday.

Benefits:

Company events

Cycle to work scheme

Employee discount

On-site parking

Training within the job