

A high-angle photograph of a lush, well-maintained backyard. The garden is enclosed by a light-colored wooden fence. In the center is a large, vibrant green lawn. Surrounding the lawn are various plants, including shrubs with white and red flowers, a large purple pot with pink flowers, and a small tree with orange and red foliage in a blue pot. A gravel path runs along the left side of the lawn. The background shows a paved driveway and a neighboring property with a similar fence and trees.

MY DREAM JOB

Contracted Gardener

WHY?

Good question, So as a kid growing up iv always been a kind and helpful person. One Sunday morning my neighbour knocked on my door and asked if I wanted to earn some money helping him out in the garden, I must have been about 9 10 years old.

All that was involved was abit digging, a few holes & some painting and sweeping up. I found this to be rather enjoyable and I was able to earn £25 for 2 hours work which at that age I felt like I was rich but I new that I enjoyed it and I wanted to carry on.

A photograph of a house with a white porch and a garden. The house has a grey roof and white siding. The garden is lush with various flowers, including purple and pink blooms. A green lawn is in the foreground.

FAST FORWARD TO MY TEENAGE YEARS

so now I'm 18 and was deciding what and where I wanted to be in 2 to 3 years, I found a job with a local gardening firm in my area. It started off with a small role within the company and as time pasted and I gained experience and knowledge I knew that I had landed on my feet and found my dream job.

So now I'm 18 months into the role and iv loved every moment of it.

MY OWN SKILLS

A photograph of a garden pond with a wooden lattice fence in the background. The pond is surrounded by lush greenery, including bushes and trees. The water in the pond is covered with a layer of green algae. The foreground is a gravel path leading to the pond, with some green grass and small plants. The overall scene is a well-maintained garden.

- keen eye
- Hard worker
- Knowledge of machinery
- Basic knowledge of garden tools
- Attention to detail
- Physical fitness



SKILLS REQUIRED

- Knowledge of gardening techniques
- Knowledge of plant and flower care techniques
- Ability to use professional mowing, trimming and pruning equipment
 - Strong manual skills
 - Precision and attention to detail
- Interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team
 - Health and physical fitness
 - Flexibility

A photograph of a garden with a curved stone path, a lawn, and a brick house in the background. The path is made of light-colored rectangular stones and curves around a green lawn. In the background, there is a brick house with a white door and several potted plants.

DECISION I MADE AS AN ADULT

So after I left that gardening firm I had 3 years experience under my belt. I wanted to explore other avenues so I found myself in the construction industry, I had worked various jobs since leaving dream job as a teen.

So with the money I had saved from the jobs growing up, I decided to invest in garden tools and machinery. I also purchased a van to store my tools and equipment in with the passion to return to it.

The only thing left that I need to obtain to finally break back into my dream job, is my driving license which at the moment is currently underway.