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**Summary**

An experienced professional with a background in tree work, arboriculture, and forestry, I am now looking to transition into a new career and embark on the next chapter of my life. With strong problem-solving skills, hands-on experience in physically demanding environments, and a keen interest in IT and technology, I am eager to apply my adaptability and work ethic in a new industry. While in school, I was selected to be part of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Services (C.E.O.P.S.) Youth Advisory Panel, contributing to digital safety initiatives. I earned an A in GCSE ICT and later studied Video Game Development at college.

With this background, I am eager to find a role where I can expand upon my IT skills in a professional setting. I have completed an Interactive Web Dev Bootcamp and a Level 3 NVQ in Games Development, and I have been working on portfolio projects to develop my abilities further.

That said, I am not limiting myself solely to IT roles. I am open to a wide variety of industries and job opportunities—including driving, security, and other hands-on or engaging roles. My main ambition is to find a job I genuinely enjoy, that provides financial stability, and allows me to work to my full potential by fostering interest, passion, and skill development. I am also looking forward to meeting new people, making new connections, and finding a workplace where I feel valued.

**Professional Summary**

My background is in tree work, arboriculture, and forestry. I started landscaping at 18, and during that time, I cut down some trees, which I enjoyed. This led me to an opportunity to live with my aunt in Scotland, where I entered the forestry industry due to my chainsaw certification. I worked for Boreal Forestry, a contractor responsible for maintaining Forestry Commission sites across Scotland. My key responsibilities included:

* Safe operation of chainsaws, woodchippers, strimmer’s, and other machinery on private sites.
* Storage, handling, and application of chemicals and pesticides, ensuring compliance with CoSHH regulations.
* Forest management tasks, including thinning, clear-felling, and replanting to support sustainable forestry efforts.

After my time in Scotland, I moved to Dorset and took a role with a commercial land management and forestry company, working on construction and commercial sites. However, I found that I preferred working more independently, so I became self-employed, taking on work with several smaller local tree companies in the Dorchester area. This experience allowed me to:

* Apply and develop my skills in domestic arboriculture.
* Manage a diverse clientele, providing excellent customer service and ensuring high-quality work.
* Gain experience in tree rigging, chipping, processing, and milling.
* Build trust with employers, often being their go-to person for last-minute jobs requiring additional support.

Through these experiences, I have developed strong technical skills, problem-solving abilities, and adaptability, making me well-suited for new challenges in a variety of industries.

**Key Skills**

I have a full and clean driving licence.

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| * Articulate and effective communication. | * Intuitive and fast learner | * Ability to work in or with a Team. |
| * Leadership skills, and ability to form plans with no guide. | * Keen for Professional Development opportunities | * Experience of working in isolated areas. – and good at being by myself |
| * Experience working with my hands and body in physically demanding environment. | * Experience working on more abstract projects that require more thought. | * Strong logic and rational. - I have common sense. |
| * Proficient in Microsoft Office Adobe photoshop and a host of other domestic and commonly used IT tools. | * Web development skills such as a basic understanding of HTML, CSS, Javascript and hobbyist experience using CMS’s. | * An understanding of broad array of business management and marketing concepts such as profitability, margins, deductable expenses, ROI’s, difference between trademarks, copyright and wordmarks etc etc. |

**Education**

**Interactive Web Dev Bootcamp** **2022**

***Purple Beard Training***

*Key Skills Developed:*

* Studied HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript and React JS.
* Designed and scripted my personal portfolio site, from scratch in VS Code to display my process and ability.
* Designed and created GUI components for use within web and mobile.
* Elected to be the Team-Lead for the final group project, working in React JS to build an app.

**NVQ Level 3 Games Development** **2017 - 2018**

***Cambridge Regional College***

*Key Areas of Study:*

* An introduction to programming within Game Engines and working on Game Mechanics via Pseudo Code.
* Basics of Blueprinting within Unreal Engine 4 and building 2D Platforming games within Unity Engine.
* Designing game assets, in 3D and 2D editing programs including Photoshop, Blender and Maya.
* 2D animation design using Piksel.
* Skill building across Photoshop, Blender, Maya, Visual Studio and MS Office.

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection Services (C.E.O.P.S.) Youth Advisory Panel** **2009 - 2011**

**The Leys School, Cambridge** **2009 - 2013**

***10 GCSE’s***

GCSE Art and fine Art **[B]**

GCSE Physics **[A]**

GCSE Maths **[B]**

GCSE Biology **[B]**

GCSE Chemistry **[C]**

GCSE ICT **[A]**

GCSE English language **[B]**

GCSE English literature **[C]**

GCSE Geography **[C]**

GCSE or equivalent in Religious studies **[B]**

**Summary of Relevant Experience and Employment**

Since leaving school, my career was centred around Arboriculture (tree surgery), fencing and forestry. I also gained employment as a landscaper and labourer on construction sites. I have always enjoyed ICT and working my pc at home, through gaming related projects. Because of this, I decided to focus on a career that kept my physically active and outside. During my time as a landscaper, I undertook extra licences, such as a CS 30/31 in chainsaw maintenance (including felling and processing of “small” trees). Whilst staying with family in Scotland, I gained work as a subcontractor for a company taking contracts from the forestry commission. I also lived in Dorset, where I worked doing a variety of commercial and domestic forestry and arboriculture work. I then moved back to Cambridge, before moving down to Dorset, again. Ive been all over. -following my brothers death I have relocated to Norfolk, where I have a lot of happy memories and can support my mother.

**Driving Experience**

I have held a full and clean UK driving licence for over a decade, with experience operating a range of vehicles, from small cars to long-wheelbase Transits and arb-body tipper trucks. I am a confident and capable driver, accustomed to handling larger vehicles in various work environments. I currently drive a Ford Ranger and am comfortable with both urban and rural driving conditions.

**Certifications and Skills**

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| * **CS 30/31** - Maintenance, cross-cutting and felling with chainsaws. | * **PA1 -** Safe handling and use of pesticides. | * **CS 38 -** Climb Trees and perform aerial rescue. |
| * **PA6** - Handling Applicators on land. | * Driving Licence | * Basic first aid training during Cadets and at work |
| * Experienced, safe user of a variety of handheld equipment and tools | * Tree planting / ground clearance | * Knowledgeable about gardening, site labour and groundwork |
|  | * Tracked post knocker operative |  |

**Employment History**

**Arborist** **(Self Employed)** **06/2018 - 09/2024**

***Various locations and subcontracting for a variety of people and companies.***

**Arborist** **(Sub-Contractor)** **07/2020 - 09/2021**

***Toller Tree Care, Dorchester***

*Key responsibilities:*

* Continued to learn, develop, and put into practice the knowledge I gained in this position in the domestic arboriculture sector.
* Undertook responsibility for a large range of clientele, providing excellent customer service when on their property.
* Engaged in rigging, chipping, as well as processing, and milling of trees and large shrubbery.
* Gained the trust of my employer to be the go-to for last minute jobs when they needed extra people on site.

**Fencing Worker** **(Ad-Hoc, Sub-Contractor)** **Throughout 2021**

***Perret Fencing, Dorchester***

*Key responsibilities:*

* Assisted with a variety of domestic and agricultural fencing work.
* Safely and accurately operated a tracked pile-driver used in agricultural fencing.

**Chainsaw Operative and Ground’s Worker**  **12/2019 - 07/2020**

***Knighton Countryside Management, Dorchester***

*Key responsibilities:*

* Responsible for safe operations whilst operating a chainsaw, woodchippers, strimmer’s, etc. on private sites.
* Safe storage, handling and use of chemicals and pesticides through a handheld sprayer, whilst following CoSHH guidelines.
* Making sure all climbing equipment is safe to use, through LOLA test prior to starting work.

**Forestry Operative (Sub-Contractor)**  **01/2019 - 11/2019**

***Boreal Forestry, Inverness***

*Key responsibilities:*

* Working with Boreal Forestry to undertake a variety of tasks on Forestry Commission sites throughout Scotland.
* Safe use of chemicals, thinning and clear-felling areas of forest. Replanting saplings to regenerate the forest, after felling.

**Landscaper/Labourer (Ad-Hoc, Sub-Contractor)** **01/2015 - 11/2018**

Landscaping with Cambridge Grandscapes, Cambridge.

Labouring with 5th Generation Architecture, Cambridge.

**References Available on Request**

**Interests Outside of Work**

Outside of work, I have a variety of hobbies that keep me active and engaged. I enjoy boxing, which I am relatively new to but find both challenging and rewarding. I am also passionate about 3D printing and tinkering, using it to create and experiment with different designs and functional models. My love for the outdoors continues through walking, tree climbing, and spending time in nature. Additionally, I have a keen interest in amateur rocketry, which aligns closely with my 3D printing hobby, allowing me to design and build components for small-scale experimental rockets.

Looking ahead, I have a strong desire to build a stable and fulfilling future. In the next couple of years, I would like to start a family, and I am focused on securing reliable, full-time work that provides both financial stability and long-term career growth. Finding a role that allows me to apply my skills while offering security and progression is a key priority as I move forward.