

Keswick Town Council

## Assistant Greenkeeper Required

### INTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY

We are looking for an Assistant Greenkeeper to join our dedicated Parks team and help produce and maintain high quality parks and open spaces within the town of Keswick.

Full job description and application form available from:

[www.keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council/town-council-staff-and-job-vacancies/](http://www.keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council/town-council-staff-and-job-vacancies/)

Closing date:25/09/23

#### **Overview**

Keswick Town Council is sole trustee of Fitz and Hope Parks with a remit to provide and maintain the public parks and recreation grounds for the use of the inhabitants and visitors of the town of Keswick as 'pleasure grounds and places of recreation'.

#### **Hope Park – A Brief History**

Hope Park, strategically located between town centre and lake, was donated to the town in 1925 by Sir Percy Hope. The land was previously an area for the grazing of horses which were used to transport charabancs from Keswick Railway Station to the various hotels in the town.

The Park was opened as a golf course on the 27th May 1927 by Mr J H Taylor, who was the British Golf Champion at that time.

The Park now has a nine-hole par 3 golf course, putting green and crazy golf. Lady Hopes garden includes formal planting, herbaceous borders and shrub beds. Many plants are propagated and grow in our on site glass house.

#### **Fitz Park – A Brief History**

The Fitz Park Trust was established in April 1882 by a group of eminent local people, one of whom is remembered (H I Jenkinson) on the main gateway in Station Road.

Over 28 acres of riverside and land was bought for £7,049, then a considerable sum. A competition for the design and landscaping of the area was organised, with Upper Park to be a formal garden and games area, and the much larger Lower Park to be largely left as an open recreational area.

The basic layout of Fitz Park has not changed significantly to this day, including cricket and football pitch bowling greens and tennis courts. The only addition being the triangle of land across the River Greta, gifted to the Trust in 1923 and named after its donor, J B Wivell.