

21 Interview - M DESHAYES, manager of the waterways service (Evran)

> Mr Deshayes added for precision he works as a maintenance technician for waterways and ponds

Activities

He is in charge with :

- > the maintenance of river banks and locks
- > the maintenance of waterways
- > flowering and weed mowing
- > greeting mariners and lock maneuvering

Specific aspects of his job :

- > respect of water fauna and flora, particularly when mowing or trimming
- > mulching the wood that used to be lost
- > mark efforts on preserving the environment
- > waterways have changed : nowadays, all kinds of people use it (pedestrians, horse-riders on top of mariners) : the job includes these people's security at all time. It also involves informing this public of all kinds of dangers and events – how to secure houses in case of potential floods... Communication skills are required. 24/7 security remains our top concern.

Mr Deshayes's career path

Aged 16, he wished to become a mechanic in a garage, but is oriented to a fitter-cutter professional degree which only led to working with the Citroën factory near Rennes where he'll stay 4 years. He passed a truck driving license, drove buses and international trucks until he passed a contest exam to become a maintenance technician for the department of roads and transportation (former DDE).

Attractive aspects

He is attracted to nature due to his countryside background. He also values not being on the roads all the time any more. He also likes the variety of tasks that makes everyday a new day.

What he likes best in his job remains the fact he is constantly in the open, whatever the climatic variations that may make him work in mud at times. He adds to this aspect the relationship with his audiences; he likes it when tourists keep asking questions.

Values

Protect and improve the environment and the patrimony; talk about it. He is convinced these are top priorities.