

Sous chef at the Willowbrook

Location: The Willowbrook, 13 Main Road, Nottingham, NG4 3HQ

Role: Sous Chef

Hours: Full time, 35-40 hours a week

Salary: Competitive pay, depending on experience

We're looking for a confident, organised and food-loving Sous Chef to join the team at The Willowbrook, a welcoming Castle Rock pub at the heart of its local community. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys fresh pub food, takes pride in consistency, and is ready to support the Head Chef in leading a busy kitchen with energy and care.

At The Willowbrook, we serve proper pub classics, light bites, pizzas, burgers, children's meals and Sunday favourites, with a focus on good-quality food, friendly service and a relaxed pub experience. We need a Sous Chef who can help keep standards high, support the kitchen team, and make sure every plate leaves the pass looking and tasting right.

What you'll be doing:

- Supporting the Head Chef with the day-to-day running of the kitchen.
- Helping lead, train and motivate the kitchen team.
- Preparing and serving food to a consistently high standard.
- Keeping service organised, calm and efficient, especially during busy periods.
- Maintaining excellent food hygiene, allergen awareness and kitchen safety standards.
- Supporting stock control, ordering, prep planning and waste management.
- Bringing ideas, pride and a positive attitude to the kitchen every day.

What we're looking for:

- Experience as a Sous Chef, Junior Sous Chef or strong Chef de Partie ready to step up.
- A genuine passion for great pub food and consistent standards.
- Good organisation and the ability to lead by example.
- A calm, practical approach under pressure.
- Strong communication skills and a team-first attitude.
- Good understanding of food safety, allergens and kitchen compliance.
- Flexibility to work a mix of shifts, including evenings and weekends.

What's in it for you?

- 25% off drinks in participating Castle Rock pubs through the Castle Rock App.
- 30% off food in participating Castle Rock pubs through the Castle Rock App.
- 25% off purchases from the Castle Rock online shop, excluding selected items.
- The option to share your team discount with friends and family when visiting together, in line with the Team Discount Scheme.
- Bike to Work scheme, helping you spread the cost of a bike and cycling equipment, whilst saving on tax.
- Ongoing training and opportunities to develop within Castle Rock.
- A friendly team culture where good people, good pubs and good food matter.

About Castle Rock

Castle Rock is proud to be rooted in real pub culture, with welcoming pubs, trusted beer and teams who care about doing things properly. We believe in bringing people together, supporting our teams, and creating pubs that people want to come back to.

Ready to Apply?

If you're ready to take the next step in your kitchen career and be part of a pub team that takes pride in what it does, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your CV and a short note about why you'd be a great fit for The Willowbrook to willowbrook@castlerockbrewery.co.uk, FAO Rebekah Saxton.