

Volunteer Role Description



Registered Charity No: 295297

Position Title	Gardener Volunteer
Location	Garden House Hospice Care, Letchworth
Department	Garden
Time Commitment	Mondays -Thursday 9am to 1pm Current vacancies (as of June21) Mondays and Tuesdays

Role Description	Working as part of a team under our Head Gardener, who is assisted by our Team Leader, our volunteer gardeners help with the upkeep, development and protection of the garden at Garden House Hospice, so that it can be enjoyed by all patients, families, staff and visitors. This is a role for those who love being outdoors with nature, have a at least a little gardening knowledge and are willing to put in the work to help us maintain the gardens and surrounding areas (carpark, drive, walkways)
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Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Working as part of a team as directed. ➤ Having physical ability to work in this environment. ➤ Gardening & grounds maintenance tasks - cutting back, pruning, raking, clearing beds, weeding, sweeping. ➤ Planting seeds and cuttings grow various flowers and shrubs in our gardens ➤ Grass cutting, if directed ➤ Using garden hand tools and machinery, as directed <p>Please note; we have hand tools and all equipment you will need, please wear strong protective footwear</p>
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Skills, Qualities and Experience	<p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must be reasonably fit and mobile. ➤ Being supervised ➤ Ability to communicate with a diverse range of people. <p>Qualities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enjoyment of horticulture and gardening ➤ Enjoy working in an outdoor situation ➤ To be physically fit (garden tasks can be physically demanding) ➤ Able to use hand tools and (under supervision) electrical and other gardening machinery (training is given for all volunteers) ➤ Happy working in a team ➤ A willingness to learn <p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have some basic knowledge of ornamental plants.
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Benefits to you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Becoming part of a friendly happy and dedicated team ➤ Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends ➤ Getting your 'hands dirty' and enjoying the great outdoors ➤ Enjoying watching your efforts evolve into our beautiful garden
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Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hospice Induction Training ➤ In-role practical training, eg: manual handling, health & safety, general horticulture
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Supervising Staff Member - Team Leader	Wendy Zimmerman - Adam Hanlon
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Supervisor's Contact Details	Wendy.Zimmerman@ghhospicecare.org.uk Tel: 01462 679540
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Volunteer Services Team Contact Details	volunteers@ghhospicecare.org.uk Tel: 01462 679540
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Additional Comments	
This is an opportunity to help maintain our wonderful gardens and gain new skills and knowledge of planting and maintaining a large garden. A number of events, such as Open Gardens, fund-raising and lights of life, take place over the year giving the public an opportunity to experience the results of your efforts.	

About Garden House Hospice	
Garden House Hospice Care provides a wide range of services for patients, their carers, and families facing a life limiting illness. Free specialist palliative care is provided for over 500 adults a year living with advanced cancer, motor neurone disease or other life limiting illness in our community of 230,000 people in North Hertfordshire, Stevenage, Royston and surrounding villages. Our Values: *We are one team, with a shared vision *We place the patient & carer at the heart of everything we do *We respect everyone *We strive to continually learn and improve *We take pride in delivering a high quality service *We take inspiration from our community.	

Bus Route services to Garden House: 90, 91, 386. Approximately, 15 minute walk from Letchworth GC Railway station and town centre Parking is available in adjacent side streets, but not on-site
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For more information and an application form, please contact Volunteer Services:

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