

# Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role

Volunteer Gardener

Volunteer Manager

Divisional Volunteer Manager

Where you will be based

Community

## Why we want you

If you know your delphinium from your daffodil you could blossom in this role. If you are passionate about growing things and have some knowledge of plants that's all you need; you don't need to have a garden of your own. Some Gardeners run their own gardening groups or support people one to one to plant their ideal plot. We'll support you if you have an idea but we're also equally happy for another pair of enthusiastic hands.

## What you will be doing

- Keeping the garden looking great all year round by weeding, dead heading and planting
- Keeping patio areas and paths clear of leaves
- Supporting the home with gardening projects and planting residents' choice of plants
- Possibly supporting people to help them keep up their interest in the garden
- Possibly helping people who can't leave their rooms to create a mini garden inside

## The skills you need

- You'll be self-motivated and willing to work independently at times
- You'll be an enthusiastic gardener with some experience of growing a great garden
- You'll be aware of health and safety issues surrounding tools, hoses, slip and trip hazards etc.
- You'll be ideally interested in older people and helping them to keep gardening

## What's in it for you

- Full Induction including a Dementia Information Session
- Role Specific Training
- Experience in care setting for your CV
- We offer references for our volunteers
- And nothing beats the feeling you'll get seeing someone smile because you have created a garden full of the flowers they love.

## Disclaimer

We look to recruit a diverse range of volunteers. If your skills don't fit the role exactly, please don't let this put you off as we are able to be flexible with most of our roles.

All our volunteer roles are subject to an informal selection meeting. Because you would be

volunteering with vulnerable adults, we also take up references and carry out a DBS check (criminal record check) before anyone can start (we cover the cost of this check). Having a criminal record will not automatically mean you can't volunteer with us.

Before you start your volunteering, you'll be asked to join a volunteering induction and watch our dementia information session. These tend to be online although we can make alternate arrangements should you need us to.

None of our volunteer roles provide any form of clinical or personal care for our residents.

If you'd like to discuss any of this before applying, please get in touch using the 'Ask a Question' on the opportunity page.