
Volunteer Profile

Gardening Volunteer

Where is this role based?

Our Community Gardens can be found at our Cobham, Molesey and Walton Centres for the Community, with Molesey also being the base for our Gardeners Under Glass Project. However, we have small gardens at most of our Centres for the Community which also need support. Check with our volunteer coordinator to see which centre would be most convenient for you.

What does this role involve?

- Watering of plants in the Centre's garden during the spring/summer/autumn as required.
- Undertaking other light gardening duties such as planting, dead heading, weeding and pruning.
- For those volunteering at the Molesey and Cobham Community Gardens, we also need help with propagating of plants and maintenance of the vegetable patch.
- The Gardeners Under Glass also require support looking after seedlings and vegetables growing in the Molesey greenhouse.

When will I be needed?

Gardening volunteers are welcome to work on the garden any time during centre opening hours, subject to agreement from the Centre Manager. Centres are open from 10am to 3pm, with days varying by Centre.

If helping with Gardeners under Glass, the project leaders run 2-hour sessions weekly, and hold regular meetings to decide the direction of the project.

Who will I report to?

The Centre Manager will tell you what tasks need doing in the garden and be on hand to deal with any issues that come up whilst you are volunteering with us.

For volunteers for the Community Gardens and Gardens under Glass Projects, there are Volunteer Leaders who also supervise the running of the Community Garden and will let you know which tasks need doing during your volunteering sessions.

Who would this role be suitable for?

This role would be ideal for someone who:

- Enjoys gardening and being outside.
- Wants to meet new people who share their hobby.
- Would like to support their local community.

Are there any requirements for this role?

A basic knowledge of gardening would be desirable for this role.

Will I have to do any training?

The Centre Manager will arrange health and safety and first aid training as necessary for any gardening volunteers.

Will I need a DBS check?

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is not required for this role.

This sounds like the role for me! How do I apply?

If you've decided on a role that's right for you, you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 01372 474 552 or email commsservices@elmbridge.gov.uk.

They will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss what you would like to get out of the role, and take you through the application and DBS process.

Please note that for all our volunteers we require two references, either from an employer or a character reference from someone who knows you.