



Gardener Role Description

Role title: Volunteer Gardener, Blythe House

Reports to: The Volunteer & Support Services Team

Hours of work: As agreed, and according to the monthly schedule

Location: Blythe House

Purpose of the Role: To help maintain planting and keep the garden area tidy, as required for Blythe House.

Duties:

- Source appropriate plants to provide variation and colour in the raised beds and planters, during spring and summer, as agreed with the Volunteer & Support Services Team.
- Regularly dead-head, cut back and dispose of dead planting as appropriate. Clear paths and communal areas of leaf litter, weeds and rubbish.
- Remove weeds and thin out overgrown planting from the main garden area
- Water planters and greenhouse plants as necessary.
- Clean and replace tools in the greenhouse.
- Wear an identification badge and appropriate clothing while on duty.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
- Participate in training as required.
- Comply with all relevant Blythe House policies and procedures.

Qualities and Skills required:

- Ability to work on own initiative.
- Knowledge and implementation of basic planting and gardening skills is an advantage.
- A calm, sensitive and understanding attitude to clients accessing the services of Blythe House.

Training:

- Full training will be given by the Volunteer & Support Services Team.
- An induction for all new volunteers will be undertaken.
- All gardeners are required to follow the principles and best practice guidelines in the 'Guidelines and Procedures for Volunteer Gardeners'

Expenses:

Expenses incurred may be reimbursed with prior agreement. Please ask the Volunteer & Support Services Team for information