

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

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| Role Title | Volunteer Gardener |
| Location | Margate Hospice, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4AD |
| Time Commitment | To be agreed, a minimum of one morning a week would be expected |
| Responsible To | Hospice Services Manager |

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Pilgrims Hospices takes pride in ensuring that its gardens look beautiful all year round.

Volunteer Gardeners work with other members of the volunteer gardening and Maintenance team to support the care of the gardens and grounds of the Hospice and maintain it to an excellent standard. Through their work they help to create an attractive, welcoming exterior for the benefit of our patients and visitors.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- General gardening tasks including mowing grass, planting, pruning, weeding, watering, mulching, cutting back, potting etc., whilst keeping disruption to a minimum
- Maintaining the site, including the Labyrinth, shrub borders, lawns, hedges, tree management, pots, hanging baskets and containers, greenhouse and plant nursery.
- Help to keep the grounds clean and tidy and dispose of litter.

KEY EXPERIENCE, SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

- An interest and knowledge of basic garden experience (*Not essential but willing to learn*)
- An awareness of health & safety issues in the outdoors and in the use of gardening equipment
- Ability to work on both own initiative and as part of a team
- Able to work with the minimal of supervision
- Reliable and flexible
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of implementation of basic and planting and gardening skills (*Desirable*)
- An ability to maintain confidentiality
- Good physical health
- Tact and diplomacy
- A good sense of humour

ESSENTIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Core Induction & Training
- Role specific training including Health & Safety
- Mandatory and statutory training as and when required

WHAT WE OFFER

- The opportunity to use your skills to complement our work
- An opportunity to make a positive difference in your own community
- The chance to meet new people
- Be part of an enthusiastic team at the heart of your local community
- The opportunity to gain gardening experience with a dedicated team of volunteers
- Meet new people and make friends