

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title	Volunteer Kitchen Gardner
Location	Thanet Hospice, Ramsgate Road, Margate, CT9 4AD
Time Commitment	Spring to Autumn, 2 mornings/afternoon per week
Responsible To	Hospice Services Manager/Head Chef

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Pilgrims Hospices takes pride in ensuring that its gardens look beautiful all year round as well as ensuring fresh produce for meals served to our patients, their families and staff.

Volunteer Kitchen 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 ensure the availability of fresh produce for the use of our catering teams.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

General gardening tasks including:

- Seeding, sowing, planting, watering and harvesting of all the fresh produce grown to support the kitchen garden which are grown both outdoors and in greenhouses.
- Maintaining the kitchen garden and greenhouses, including weeding and keeping the area tidy.

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