

Volunteer Gardener

Shrewsbury and Telford

Summary:

Our gardens, known for their therapeutic value, are for everyone and our volunteers help in making them look beautiful all year round for patients, families and visitors.

You'll be helping with regular activities such as planting, propagating, deadheading, pruning and weeding and for the more energetic scarifying, mulching, watering and general tidying.

You don't have to be a horticultural expert – we'll guide you and help expand your gardening skills and knowledge along the way.

Purpose: To give support to the contracted gardening team to help achieve an area of beauty and peace for the enjoyment of patients, visitors and those attending the hospice.

Typical activities include:

- Maintenance of seasonal bedding, display- planting, feeding and dead heading.
- Maintenance of flower and shrub borders - pruning, weeding and mulching.
- Grass areas - scarifying, feeding and edging. Leaf raking in Autumn.
- Kitchen garden and orchard growing; harvesting produce for our chefs to use in the kitchen.
- Caring for our wildlife - building and maintaining bug hotels and nest boxes, and keeping the bird feeders full.
- Woodland management - to improve our wildlife diversity - planting saplings, coppicing hazel, and planting wildflowers.
- Replenishing flower borders - dividing perennial, mulching, plus planting shrubs and flowers.
- Propagating plants - seed sowing, taking cuttings and plant division.
- Maintenance of garden furniture.