



Sheffield's Hospice

Volunteer Task Profile Garden Volunteer

Volunteer Lead: Specialist Palliative Care Occupational Therapist

Flexible hours: Monday – Friday Various

Available to: Volunteers aged 18+

Location: Based at St Luke's Hospice Little Common Lane

St Luke's is Sheffield's Hospice, with a vision to support and care for everyone affected by terminal illness in Sheffield. We are a community organisation which means that everything we do is focused on helping people in their own communities as well as at our Little Common Lane site where we support terminally ill people and their loved ones and our adjoining site on Ecclesall Road South (ERS).

At Little Common Lane we support terminally ill people and their loved ones through our 20 bed In-Patient Centre, Patient and Family Support Services and Wellbeing services such as Reiki and massage. Most of the people we support are actually in their own homes and we endeavour to help them stay at home through care from our Community Team if that is their preferred choice.

Our Ecclesall Road South Site is for people and their loved ones who have a palliative condition at any stage of that journey, offering relaxation and wellbeing, practical support and above all, fun! A range of activities and social events are available, as well as the opportunity to just relax in a homely atmosphere with beautiful gardens and our lovely Café.

What does this role involve?

Introduction

We are supported by Urban Planters who maintain the large-scale needs of our gardens with tasks such as mowing our lawns, keeping our hedges and large trees trimmed and pathways safe for patients and visitors.

We are looking for 4 enthusiastic and motivated individuals to assist our Occupational Therapy Team and Patient and Family Support Service at ERS for a few hours each week, with various tasks such as maintenance of planters, weeding, topping up feeders and growing plants from seed. Some basic gardening knowledge would be beneficial along with good communication skills and the ability to be proactive.

Operating in pairs, our volunteer Gardeners will help us to maintain the grounds and garden for the enjoyment of everyone. This is a rewarding opportunity which allows you to contribute to providing a pleasant and peaceful haven for our patients and families to visit and enjoy.

Gardening and nature related tasks supporting patient therapies, which may include some of the following;

We do require you to assist in: (Full training will be given)

- ❖ Seasonal tub planting
- ❖ Maintenance of planters
- ❖ Weeding and watering
- ❖ Replenishing Hedgehog and bird feeders
- ❖ Washing down Bird baths and topping up with water
- ❖ General tidying of designated spaces
- ❖ Maintenance of composting area
- ❖ Monitoring Wildlife cameras, replacing HD card, recharging batteries and downloading data
- ❖ Greenhouse tasks
- ❖ Pond maintenance
- ❖ Keeping equipment clean and stored correctly
- ❖ Maintenance of the wildlife trail
- ❖ Gather nature resources for specific activities
- ❖ Undertaking tasks in a manner which promotes and complies with health and safety regulations.
- ❖ Report accidents, incidents and near misses
- ❖ Cleaning up during and after the task is complete so the area is left in safe workable condition.
- ❖ Only tasks which you have received training on are to be undertaken

We would like you to:

- ❖ Have some experience of gardening or horticulture and use of hand tools or a willingness to learn
- ❖ Have a reasonable level of fitness to work outdoors
- ❖ Be willing to work outdoors
- ❖ Have a friendly personality and enjoy meeting people
- ❖ Be punctual to all shifts
- ❖ Enjoy working as part of a team
- ❖ Have good communication skills
- ❖ Be reliable, patient, and keen to share your enthusiasm

We do not require you to assist in:

- ❖ Planning or identifying garden maintenance work.
- ❖ Responding to requests for garden maintenance from anyone other than our Therapies team
- ❖ Providing of tools
- ❖ Working with service users

How can we support you?

- ❖ *Give you* the opportunity to meet interesting and diverse people
- ❖ *Encourage you* to give back to the community in a direct and meaningful way

- ❖ *Assist you* to develop a portfolio of skills
 - ❖ *Help you* gain valuable experience and knowledge to support job applications
 - ❖ *Invite you* to our Volunteer Celebration Events
 - ❖ *Support you* with advice and provide references
 - ❖ *Provide you* with reasonable travel expenses in line with our Volunteer Policy
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All Gardening Volunteers must:

- ❖ Be a minimum of 18 years.
- ❖ Be dressed in suitable clothing and display their identification badge at all times.
- ❖ Have a current enhanced DBS (ex CRB) generated by St Luke's Hospice
- ❖ Abide by the Health & Safety at Work Act
- ❖ Attend relevant training
- ❖ Attend Health & Safety and Infection Control training
- ❖ Respect confidentiality applying to all Hospice areas
- ❖ Adhere to Hospice policies and procedures
- ❖ Comply with the Hospice no smoking policy
- ❖ Participate in and contribute to team meetings (if applicable)
- ❖ Co-operate and liaise with departmental colleagues using the St Luke's values and behaviours.

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