



Weekday Gardener

Reporting to:	Horticultural Team Leader
Department:	Gardens
Based at:	The Gardens Department
Purpose of this role within Waddesdon Manor:	<p>To support the Gardens Department with a wide range of horticultural activities and tasks to maintain the gardens to a high standard. We are able to offer a broad range and diverse volunteer opportunities in locations such as the Manor Garden, the Dairy, Five Arrows Hotel or Windmill Hill, including seasonal maintenance, project work and development of the garden.</p> <p>In addition to these, we are also able to offer more specialist volunteer opportunities in our Plant Nursery and Propagation Facility, Rose Garden, Eythrope Gardens, looking after newly planted trees or maintaining our indoor plants in the Five Arrows and the Manor Conservatory, or supporting the running of garden workshops on the weekends.</p>
Key elements of this role you could expect to undertake or be asked to do:	You should expect to undertake the following tasks: weeding, planting out bedding, pruning, lawn edging and various other gardening task which could include mowing, propagating and growing on plants, care of indoor plants or supporting the team at Eythrope Gardens (please also see the attached task list).
You will be working with:	Waddesdon gardeners, Horticultural team leaders, trainees and other volunteers.
Characteristics Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approachable, friendly and willing to help.• Some basic gardening skills would be useful although training will be given.• No prior work experience of gardening is needed.• Reliable with very good time keeping.• Good level of physical fitness.• Positive, enjoy working as part of a team and interacting with visitors.
Training and Induction given:	Training will be given for each job undertaken.

<p>Anticipated Time Contribution:</p>	<p>Our working week is Monday to Thursday and we offer the following hours: All day: 08:00 – 16:00 Half day (am): 08:00 – 12:00 Half day (pm): 13:00 – 16:30 On Friday we offer: All day: 08:00 – 15:15 Half day (am): 08:00 -12:00 Half day (pm): 12:45 – 15:15</p>
<p>Lunch breaks and comfort breaks:</p>	<p>Breaks are at 10:00am and 3:00pm in the garden. It is advised to bring a flask or other drinks i.e. water. Lunch is at 12:00pm-12:45pm taken in the Gardens Department mess-room. Facilities including a fridge, microwave and kettle.</p>
<p>Safety Equipment Supplied (if appropriate):</p>	<p>The Garden Department can provide any necessary PPE (personal protective equipment) where necessary, unless volunteers wish to provide their own. We advise that volunteers wear long trousers and long sleeved tops when working in the gardens. Some uniform and wet weather clothing will be provided.</p>
<p>Safety precautions and Covid safety provided for you:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tools that you need for your shift will be provided. Please don't let anyone else use these and return them at the end of your shift. They will then be sanitised before being used again • Any PPE that you need will be provided. Please look after it, clean it and bring it with you to each shift. • Facemasks do not need to be worn outdoors unless you are working closer than 2 m to someone. If you would prefer to wear a facemask during your shift please do so. Disposable masks will be available. • Where social distancing is difficult (e.g. Parterre), an area will be closed off from visitors to allow safe working. • There is sanitiser around the Gardens dept and wherever you are working. • In the unlikely event you need to travel in a Waddesdon vehicle appropriate measures have been taken to ensure distancing. • Please ensure social distancing during breaks. • You will be asked to read through a risk assessment and method statement before you begin your first shift. You may have read and signed one previously but it has since been updated so please take the time to read it carefully again.

Benefits of volunteering for the National Trust At Waddesdon

After you have amounted 50 volunteer hours you will be awarded a National Trust Volunteers card offering you the following:

- Free entry into National Trust properties (or free entry for another person if the card holder is already a NT member)
- 20% off at National Trust's online shop and up to 35% off National Trust Holiday Cottages
- 20% off in Waddesdon's Retail Shops and 10% off in Waddesdon's Wine Shop.
- Up to 35% off National Trust Holiday Cottages
- 20% discount to volunteer card holders on National Trust Membership

Reimbursement of travel costs between home and Waddesdon Manor, at 33p per mile (up to a maximum of 60 mile round trip)

We host events including an annual day trip, Summer picnic, Charity of the Year social events, Christmas lunch and coffee mornings so that our volunteers and staff can spend time with each other as a combined team.

The list of duties is not exhaustive and Waddesdon reserves the right to amend this list within reason according to the needs of Waddesdon Manor. For all our volunteer positions we have a formal selection process. All these arrangements are binding in honour only and are not intended to be legally binding