

## Your first day as a garden volunteer

### 10am

Arrive at the Estates Office where you will be met by a member of the gardens team and be introduced to the other gardeners and volunteers.

### 10.30

New volunteers will receive an induction and a brief tour of the gardens. We will then join everyone else and get stuck into a range of horticultural tasks within the gardens.

### 1pm

Lunch Time (some volunteers do half a day and leave at lunch time).

### 1.45pm

Return to the garden tasks.

### 3-4pm

Finishing time is flexible.

## The perks of becoming a garden volunteer

Volunteering can be an extremely rewarding experience in its own right; however for offering your time we can offer you:

- An Annual Season Ticket is provided to those who volunteer for 40 hours per annum with all the privileges of a paid Annual Ticket
- For those who total 200 hours per annum you receive a Couples Annual Season Ticket
- Social events can be organized especially for volunteers throughout the year
- An annual garden visit is arranged in the summer
- You can combine volunteering with college or an RHS qualification

# Garden Volunteering



## Get involved in one of the best Gardens in Europe!

Becoming a garden volunteer gives you the opportunity to work alongside our knowledgeable garden team, gain new skills and experience in horticulture and enjoy working within the wonderful surroundings of Trentham.

Volunteering also offers the chance to meet new people and can be a sociable experience, working alongside like minded individuals.

## Who can become a garden volunteer?

Anyone over the age of 16 can become a garden volunteer. You will need to be relatively fit and healthy although we can find jobs to suit particular needs (within reason).

## How do I become a garden volunteer?

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the gardens entrance on **01782 646646** and leave your name and a contact number. A member of the garden's team will then contact you and arrange a date which is convenient for us to meet you and collect the relevant paperwork. We do interview you and, if selected, there's a short trial period where both parties consider whether it is working out as they had envisaged.

## How often do I have to volunteer?

We are grateful for any time you can give to volunteering be it half a day or a few days, either weekly or monthly.

## Health and Safety

Whilst volunteering at Trentham your health and safety is of utmost importance.

On your first day we will provide an induction giving you a tour of the gardens and providing you with a volunteer handbook which we would ask you to adhere to. This will highlight codes of practice you need to be aware of, health and safety restrictions and any emergency procedures.

We would ask that you wear a Trentham T-shirt when volunteering which will be provided. This ensures that our staff and the public can identify that you are a volunteer.

Before you start volunteering we will ask you to fill out an application form so that we have your details on record in case of an emergency.

## What sort of jobs will I be doing?

These are examples of some of the jobs our volunteers have already undertaken:

- Weeding in the Italian Gardens and Floral Labyrinth
- Planting bulbs and bedding in the Upper Parterre
- Propagation and potting up in the polytunnels
- Deadheading the David Austin Rose Border
- Creating a model garden
- Lawn care

We will provide:

- A Trentham T-shirt
- P.P.E (personal protective equipment)
- Tools and equipment
- Tea and coffee (and occasionally biscuits!)

You will need to bring:

- Steel toe capped boots
- Comfortable trousers (suitable for outdoor work)
- A packed lunch

**You can bring your own gardening gloves, kneeling pads and waterproofs. We will have some available for those who need them.**