



Welcome & Riverside (Oakwood) Volunteer Role Description RHS Garden Wisley

Role title	Garden Volunteer for Welcome & Riverside (Oakwood)
Department	Curatorial
Location	RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB
Main contact	Helen Bensted-Smith – Team Leader
Senior contact	Mark Tuson - Garden Manager Karly Jenkins – Volunteer Coordinator
Main purpose of the role	Gardening within Oakwood (MONDAY ONLY)

Main activities:

This role is specifically to assist in the oldest part of the garden Oakwood, where enhancements towards wildlife are considered in the original ‘wild garden’ style. Tasks include:

- Mulching to promote soil health and maintain soil moisture.
- Weeding both annual and perennial weeds, including some invasive species.
- Tidying leaves in autumn
- Smartening the edges where the area looks out to Seven Acres Lawn
- Occasional planting, pruning, habitat creation and ditch clearance.
- Occasional assisting in other areas of the team’s remit (Riverside, Front of House, The Heather Landscape and the Grass Garden)

Throughout our areas we are gardening with an understanding of pollinators and wildlife to ensure that anything we do is beneficial to them, including birds, bees and butterflies.

As a Garden Volunteer at Wisley, there will be times when you will be asked to support other teams in the garden, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet other likeminded gardeners and understand another area of the garden, usually during a Curatorial day.

Desirable qualities:

- A passion for horticulture and gardening
- Be happy in a team, taking instruction from staff and our full-time learners
- Have a good attention to detail
- Reasonable physical fitness
- Be happy coming in all year, in all weather!

Additional information:

- Volunteers will assist on a **Monday**, from 10:00 – 15:30 meeting at the Old Fruit Store (in the Trials Garden). To fulfil our needs in the Curatorial Department we ask for a weekly commitment from our volunteers (notwithstanding sickness and holiday).
- You will garden alongside our skilled horticulturalists or students, you will receive the most up-to-date Volunteers Handbook, a pair of steel toe-capped boots, uniform and Health & Safety training appropriate to the tasks you will be undertaking.

The Benefits for You:

- Develop your skills and plant knowledge, certainly with plants that are well suited to mature, ornamental woodlands.
- Gain experience to add to your Curriculum Vitae.
- Meet like-minded people and be part of an enthusiastic team.
- Learn more about the RHS charity and how to get involved, including opportunities to support on-site events.

The Next Steps:

If you wish to offer your time as a Welcome & Riverside Volunteer at RHS Garden Wisley, please apply by completing our online application.

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