

Garden (Goosefoot) Volunteer at Chiswick House and Gardens

The Chiswick House and Gardens Trust is a registered charity, created jointly by English Heritage and the London Borough of Hounslow. Our gardens' objective is to conserve, restore and enhance the gardens, for the benefit of our local community while improving biodiversity.

Why does Chiswick House need 'Goosefoot' garden volunteers?

We need friendly and enthusiastic people to work as part of our team, providing high quality garden maintenance and improvements across the gardens, especially in the more formal garden areas.

What will you be doing?

Being a Garden Volunteer is all about mucking in and being hands on; helping with gardening tasks from weeding and watering to planting and pruning. You will help maintain horticultural standards, improve the planting for wildlife and biodiversity, and ensure our members and visitors enjoy the garden.

You will need to:

- Enjoy all aspects of gardening, even the repetitive tasks!
- Be excited about learning new skills
- Have time to join us at least one morning a week, Tues, Wed or Thurs
- Be able to maintain good horticultural standards alongside the staff team
- Be happy to work in all weather conditions, wearing appropriate clothing and sturdy boots
- Have internet access and use an online shift system.

What qualities, skills and experience do you need?

- Gardening experience (whether that's at home, via training or volunteering elsewhere)
- A friendly, enthusiastic and approachable manner
- Be physically fit – there is a lot of bending and kneeling
- Be aged 17+
- Confidence to talk to people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities
- Willingness to be led by and take direction as part of the garden team

How much time will you be expected to give and when?

At least one morning per week. Gardening is 09.30-1.00pm Tuesday-Thursdays.

What can you expect from us?

- To be part of our team: recognised and appreciated
- An enjoyable experience in a beautiful environment
- To be provided with a comfortable space in which to take breaks, with tea and coffee available
- English Heritage membership on successful completion of 60 hours volunteering
- Free entry to Chiswick House & the Kitchen Garden for you and a guest
- Discounts in the shop, café and some partner events held on the estate

- Opportunities to meet and socialise with other Chiswick House & Gardens volunteers
- Reimbursement of travel costs up to £5 per shift.

What will we expect from you?

- Reliability
- A sense of humour!

If you are interested in being a Goosefoot Gardener or have questions about this role, please contact Philippa by email at volunteering@chgt.org.uk quoting 'Goosefoot Garden Volunteer'.

This document is intended as a guide to volunteering at Chiswick House and Gardens and is not legally binding.

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