

St Helena Volunteers

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title	Volunteer Gardener
Department/Shop	Estates & Facilities
Location	Myland Hall, Barncroft Close, Colchester
Reporting To	Head of Estates & Facilities

Volunteering at St Helena

We ask that all volunteers are sympathetic to and be able to project the philosophy, vision and values of St Helena.

The benefits of being a St Helena volunteer include:

- The opportunity to develop new and existing skills and gain experience in the workplace
- The opportunity to make new friends in your local community
- The satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference to people facing incurable illness or bereavement
- Full support of a specified line manager within a dedicated team
- Volunteering has been proven to help improve mental health and wellbeing and is therapeutic by keeping you active
- Regular news and updates about what's happening at St Helena so you feel part of the team
- Gives you a sense of purpose – the feel good factor!

Role summary

To work together as a team, weeding, planting, digging, and generally keeping the gardens looking tidy and cared for. Some members of the team will be trained to use the ride on mower or use electric mowers to keep the grass trim.

Main duties of the role

- Keep the garden and pond tidy
- Carry out weeding, planting, digging and clearing paths and public areas as needed.
- Shred all twigs and make good compost keeping areas tidy.
- Lawns to be mown on a weekly basis either with the ride on or electric mowers by trained members of the team.
- Keep all plant pots watered and water other areas as needed
- Care for flower beds
- Reporting to the Support Services Manager any work which needs to be carried out by external contractors e.g. hedge cutting and tree pruning and discuss with him/her any new projects.

Training & supervision

Full training will be provided. Online health & safety training is mandatory on an annual basis. Support from the Volunteer Services Team is available to those who require it.

Experience & qualifications required

Previous experience useful but not essential.

Personal attributes

- Passionate about St Helena
- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Reliable and conscientious with a sense of humour
- Team player with a friendly outlook