

Volunteer Role – Gardener AHC

Aim: To support the Centre in maintaining the garden area

Reporting to: Matron

Shifts: Flexible, 2-3 hours fortnightly or monthly dependant on the season

Will this role require a DBS check? No

Is there a minimum age requirement for this role? 17

Are reasonable expenses reimbursed? Yes, speak to the voluntary services team for more information

About the Alan Hudson Centre

Our multi-disciplinary team of highly qualified staff and dedicated volunteers provide expert care, which is holistic and tailored to each person's specific needs. Services include Living Well, treatment and clinical days (including blood transfusions, oncology and symptom management), complementary and diversional therapies, and bereavement and support services. The Centre also supports people in the community. The Centre's garden was expertly redeveloped in 2021 and requires support to keep it looking beautiful for our patients!

To find out more about the Centre go to: <https://www.arhc.org.uk/supporting-you/care-services/alan-hudson-day-treatment-centre/>

What you will be doing:

- General maintenance of the garden such as weeding, pruning and deadheading.
- Sweeping paths to ensure the area is free of obstacles for patients.
- Advising the Team on how best to maintain the gardens alongside the volunteer Head Gardener

What will be expected of you:

A code of conduct will be available in your handbook, detailing expectations in full, these include:

- Attending shifts on time and alerting staff if you are unable to come in, with as much notice as possible
- Conducting yourself in line with our values at all times: Caring, Compassionate, Community and Excellence. Recognising when volunteering you are representing the Charity
- Maintaining strict confidentiality about those we support
- Ensuring you act in line with charity policies and guidance around safeguarding vulnerable adults and children

What you can expect from us:

An opportunity to:

- Make a difference to a *local* cause, supporting your community directly
- Meet new people and feel part of a team
- Develop new skills and experiences to add to your CV or University application
- Receive training, induction and ongoing support and supervision
- Reimbursement of reasonable expenses

Person Specification

We ask *all* of our volunteers to act in line with relevant policies and procedures and within the boundaries of their volunteering role, asking for support if they have queries or concerns. We also expect all volunteers to act in a way which demonstrates our values.

For this role in particular we ask that you:

- Have experience of garden work
- Have your own tools, but some can be provided if required.
- Be comfortable working proactively with little supervision

If you're interested in this role, please email or phone our Volunteer Team at:

volunteer@arhc.org.uk

01223 675872

Or apply online at: www.arhc.org.uk/join-us/volunteer-opportunities/

We are committed to inclusivity, respect, fairness, engagement and equality of opportunity for our patients and their families, our staff and trustees, our volunteers and our supporters. We value the strength that comes with difference and the positive contribution that diversity brings to our community.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults who draw on care and support and expects all colleagues and volunteers to share this commitment.

