



New Lanark World Heritage Site Volunteer Role Descriptions



Garden & Grounds Volunteer

Garden and Grounds volunteers will assist with the regular maintenance and upkeep of two of New Lanark's most popular attractions, the Roof Garden and Clearburn Natural Picnic and Play Area.

Key Volunteer Duties:

Roof Garden

Our Landscape Maintenance contractors do the heavy-duty, hedge-cutting, pruning and grass-cutting. We'd like a volunteer who is knowledgeable about plants to help with the finer details. It is now almost 9 years since the roof garden was first planted out, and we want to re-visit some areas, to clear out parts which have become overgrown, replace plants which have died out and add some new ones to refresh the planting scheme. Tasks include

- Regular weeding and dead-heading to keep the garden tidy
- Trimming shrubs and herbaceous plants to maintain their shape
- Planting bulbs and new plants as required
- Splitting mature herbaceous plants
- Nurturing the herb planters
- Photographing and blogging about the garden (optional!)

Clearburn

Grass cutting and heavy-duty work is carried out by our in-house maintenance team. We'd like a volunteer to help in the upkeep of the features which were designed and partially constructed by local children and volunteer groups, including living willow and a sensory path. Tasks include

- Pruning and weaving the living willow features (a dome, tunnel and archway)
- Identifying and reporting any willow rods which need replaced
- Maintenance of the Sensory Path including
 - Upkeep of the herb box
 - Stocking logs and bark
 - Weeding boxes
- Regular pruning and tidying of plants and shrubs around the area
- General weeding
- Maintenance of the 'Bug Hotel'

Key Attributes / Skills

- Interest in / experience in gardening
- Good knowledge of different types of plants and their upkeep
- Comfortable working with minimum supervision
- Enjoys working outdoors
- Willingness to chat to members of the public about your work would be beneficial

Role Type

- Permanent – one or more days per week within Monday-Friday 9-5
- Full introduction to areas
- Health & Safety training provided
- All equipment provided

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