



## Garden volunteer support

### Team

Visitor Services – People and Wildlife

### Role description

We have had a team of volunteers managing the gardens here at our Visitor Centre in Shrewsbury for many years and are currently looking for two volunteers to take on the supervision and support of the group. You'll need to have some experience of working with adults with care and support needs and have the motivation to support and lead this group. The volunteers have a range of support needs including mild learning disabilities, Downs syndrome, autism and are currently supported by two lead volunteers as well as individual support works for certain volunteers. The role would suit someone with experience in the care system. The garden group meet on a Thursday morning and work in the gardens at The Cut Visitor Centre, Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury from 10am to 12.30pm. You'd need to be able to commit to every Thursday and to allow extra time either before the other volunteers arrive or after they have left to liaise with staff over tasks for the following week. Some of the volunteers are more independent and would require no supervision and we'd be looking for commitment of at least 12 months.

### Existing skills and experience

- Experience of working with adults with care and support needs
- Willing to work outdoors in most weathers all year round
- Interest in gardening
- Knowledge of horticulture

### Essential or desirable

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### Skills development offered

You'll gain experience in working with a broad spectrum of disabilities in a friendly and supportive setting

You'll have access to a range of training opportunities including Safeguarding, mental health awareness etc..

Practical training in gardening, horticulture, wildlife gardening if desired

### Support available

All tools and training are provided plus the support of two lead volunteers and staff

### Minimum time commitment needed

Half a day minimum Thursday mornings

### Other information

- Informal interview and two references will be required for this role
- A four week probationary period will be served before the position is confirmed
- You will be expected to comply with safeguarding policy and procedures and code of practise for appropriate behaviour
- You'll be signed up as a volunteer and receive our quarterly newsletter plus invitations to social events and training. You will need to attend a half day Safeguarding Training during probation period

### Contact

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