



VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER TITLE: Gardening Volunteer

VOLUNTEER LINK: Jane Hamblin (Head of Facilities)

Aims:

To maintain and develop our garden spaces to ensure they are safe and welcoming places for our patients and their families.

When / Where:

- Days and times flexible (weekdays 10am – 3pm approx)
- Main Hospice site (Gosforth)

Main Tasks:

- Lawn / shrub maintenance
- Planting and weeding
- Composting
- Watering
- A variety of other horticultural tasks as required across mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, raised beds and planters, lawns, hedges, trees, pathways, a children's play garden and a variety of courtyard gardens.
- Opportunities to contribute to the development of the gardens.

We also have 'groundskeeping' tasks available (same flexible days / times as gardening). Main Tasks:

- Grass cutting/ Keeping grounds clear
- Hedge trimming
- Leaf and litter picking

Personal Qualities / Skills / Experience:

- Gardening experience / knowledge
- Enthusiastic and flexible approach
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Ability to carry out tasks that involve occasional heavy manual handling or strenuous tasks beneficial but not essential.
- Ability to model our values: [St Oswald's Hospice | Our Values Standards Of Behaviour \(stoswaldsuk.org\)](https://www.stoswaldsuk.org/our-values-standards-of-behaviour)

Essential Processes/ Training (Internal Info):

- DBS check - Enhanced
- Mandatory Training (Non-Clinical)