

Garden Volunteer

Department Name: Gardens
Volunteer Supervisor: Gardens Manager

Why join us?

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is an independent charity which cares for the world's greatest Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford-upon-Avon, and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of his works, life and times all over the world. Celebrating Shakespeare is at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteer team help us achieve these goals - so join us and help create a wonderful experience for our global audiences.

Volunteer with our dedicated Gardens Team - do you enjoy keeping active, finding out about the conservation of our grounds, its wildlife and learning some new gardening skills? Our gardens department is focused on environmentally conscious gardening, striving to minimise our impact on local biodiversity, whilst maintaining our gardens to a high standard for the enjoyment of our visitors. This volunteer role mainly takes place on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays.

What will you be doing?

- Supporting the wider Gardens Team and helping them with day-to-day tasks at the properties. Typical seasonal tasks include assisting with planting, pruning, deadheading and weeding
- Engaging in conversation with visitors about our gardens and sites
- Being responsible for looking after the tools and equipment that you will be trained to use and cleaning/disinfecting them as appropriate
- You will be volunteering as part of the team of gardeners and volunteers, but you may occasionally be helping other departments
- Work within general Health & Safety policies and procedures

Do you have the skills we are looking for?

- Friendly and approachable nature towards visitors and fellow volunteers/staff
- Practical gardening skills which may include experience looking after your own garden, or willingness to learn
- A passionate team member, who can also carry out tasks independently to help with garden maintenance and conservation work
- Ability to follow instructions well
- Ability to carry out physical work and be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions

How often would we like you to volunteer?

Our current volunteer day is Wednesday at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, from 9.00am to 3.00pm, or Thursday at Mary Arden's Farm from 9.00am to 1.00pm. This may change in the future, so please get in touch if you have any questions.

Length of the volunteering role?

Ongoing

Additional information

- Volunteers to wear their own clothing suitable for gardening in our brand colours (red, black, white or grey) and sturdy footwear, preferably steel toecap boots
- Smoking is not allowed on site
- Food and drink are restricted to the team break area onsite
- Training will be provided as necessary

Benefits of joining us

- Become a part of a fun and committed team of people
- Improve your skills and knowledge
- Enjoy the outdoors and learn something new
- Meet new people from all over the world
- On completion of 20 hours volunteering for the Trust, all volunteers receive a volunteer card giving free entry to SBT properties and a range of discounts
- Annual celebration event for active volunteers, as well as other socials throughout the year
- We can provide references
- We can provide reimbursement of travel expenses only
- You can be involved in our Volunteer Forum: Volunteer Champions



Have any questions...

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