



Volunteer Gardener role profile

Location:	Katharine House Hospice
Supervisor:	Head Volunteer Gardener

The role:

Our beautiful gardens were opened in July 1992, created in memory of Simon Weatherby and designed by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall. They are a much-loved resource for patients, staff and volunteers. In this role the garden volunteers provide year-round general maintenance for the garden spaces.

While, as a small charity, we are unable to pay expenses for all roles we want to make our volunteering opportunities as inclusive as possible. If there are any barriers that prevent you from volunteering with us, please contact Jill Hill, the Voluntary Services Manager, to chat through how we can help. Jill is available on jill.hill@KHH.org.uk or please call 01295 816477.

Tasks include:

- Planting
- Pruning
- Lawn Care
- Tend to the allotment and produce
- Hedge maintenance
- Supporting community groups that come to volunteer at Katharine House
- Assist with weekly and monthly maintenance of the garden
- Any other general maintenance activity of the garden that may arise, suitable for the candidate skill set

What we're looking for:

- Relevant gardening experience
- Excellent communication skills and understanding of confidentiality
- Someone who takes pride in their work, who is proactive and enthusiastic
- Enjoys working with people
- Has a sensitive, caring, and friendly attitude towards all patients, staff, and volunteers
- Can work independently and use initiative appropriately.
- Approachable and able to work in a team
- Adhere to volunteer guidelines, risk assessments, policies and procedures
- Committed to the Katharine House values of compassion, inclusivity and sustainability
- Committed to the Oxford University Health Trust values of compassion, respect, delivery, learning and improvement



Volunteer benefits:

By volunteering for KHH you will be helping us make every moment matter for our patients and their loved ones. We can't do what we do without you. In addition to making a difference you can expect to gain the following:

- The opportunity to work outside
- Listening skills
- Communication skills
- Working under own initiative
- Teamwork Skills
- Extending knowledge of plant care and garden maintenance
- The benefits associated with being part of the Katharine House volunteer team

Training:

- Requirement to do online training during recruitment
- Induction and shadowing of an existing volunteer

Practical considerations:

- Over 21
- In accordance with DBS guidance the role requires a basic DBS check
- An ability to understand and follow the risk assessment
- The role is only available Thursday between 09:00 and 12:00
- The role is outside in all weathers, you will need to provide your own appropriate clothing
- Toilets are accessible and use medical soap. Hand sanitizer is available
- This role is physical, volunteers will need to be fit and able to lift items and use gardening equipment
- This role requires considerable interaction with people. Staff, patients and other volunteers

How to apply:

Download and fill in the application form from the website, returning it to Voluntary Services at volunteering@KHH.org.uk