



Volunteer Role Profile

Garden Intern

Role Summary:

In the role of Garden Intern you will assist the Gardener in Charge with all aspects of garden restoration and maintenance within the grounds of Strawberry Hill House. You will work with an already established team of garden volunteers and the Gardener in Charge.

This role offers an opportunity to gain insight into the planning and implementation of the restoration of a historic garden. The intern will also have the opportunity to build on previous experience and learn new practical horticultural skills.

We will provide full training and help develop the intern's skills. Travel expenses between the intern's home and Strawberry Hill House will be paid and we will assist with other expenses as long as these are agreed in advance.

Mentored By: Gardener in Charge

Hours and Availability: Up to 4 full days per week between Mon-Fri and an occasional weekend. To get the most out of this internship we suggest volunteering at least two or three days a week and spending at least three months in the role to gain broad experience.

Examples of areas in which you will assist and shadow

- Looking at historic information to produce planting plans and make informed decisions on plant selections within the garden
- Assist in the creation of new areas of planting
- Assist in the general maintenance of the garden including weeding, pruning, irrigation etc.
- Learn to use the range of tools and machinery present at Strawberry Hill including mowers, strimmers, compact tractor and attachments
- Help in the community garden and with visiting groups
- Lead tours of the gardens for the general public
- Help maintain health and safety standards across the site

- Support public events and workshops

Personal qualities:

- Wants to learn more about the restoration and operation of an historic garden
- Wants to learn solid practical horticultural skills, or strengthen existing skills
- Some previous horticultural experience is desirable but not essential for the right candidate
- A keen interest in horticulture and a desire to learn are essential
- The ideal candidate would be looking to secure a long term future within the horticulture industry
- Is reliable and has good interpersonal skills

This document is intended as a guide to tasks undertaken by volunteers and is not a legally binding document.

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