



WADDESDON

**WADDESDON MANOR (THE ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION)
NATIONAL TRUST**

Job Title: Apprentice Gardener (Fixed term 27 August 2019 to 28 August 2020)

Reporting to: Assistant Gardens Manager

The Place

Waddesdon Manor is an historic house open to the public. Created by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild from 1874, it has one of the most important late Victorian gardens in the country. It is home to the Rothschild Collection and was bequeathed to the National Trust in 1957. Today it is managed by a Rothschild charitable trust, The Rothschild Foundation, under the chairmanship of Lord Rothschild. It currently welcomes over 480,000 visitors a year to the property.

The Gardens Department oversees the care and preservation of the Grade 1 listed landscape around the Manor itself, and also cares for gardens and parkland belonging to the Rothschild Foundation. These include the gardens of two contemporary buildings, the Windmill Hill Archive and the Flint House, and one of the 60 Diamond Jubilee woods. Waddesdon is renowned for its carpet bedding, shrub planting and tree collection. The Gardens also include a working Aviary which breeds endangered species of bird. They also include a Watergarden at the ornamental Dairy. The Garden is also host to a range of events and activities throughout the visitor season, including the summer Fest festival and the Christmas Winter Light season. It is also home to a collection of historic and contemporary sculpture.

The team is divided into two teams, Team one is responsible for looking after the visitor attraction areas of the garden. Team two is responsible for looking after the Dairy, 5 Arrows Hotel, Windmill hill and the Flint house. , both have their own lead. In this role, you will work alongside both teams throughout the year to gain a basic grounding in all aspects of Horticulture.

The Role

This is an opportunity to be fully immersed into the team of gardeners responsible for the Manor Gardens. It is a one year “hands on” position, with an emphasis on learning and gaining experience of the many disciplines needed to maintain and develop a heritage garden specialising in high Victorian horticulture.



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Formal training (such as pesticide application training) will be provided as required, but the focus of the job is to gain a broad range of practical experience through working alongside the other members of the garden team across the various areas of the garden and wider grounds.

Key duties include:

- Day by day maintenance and project orientated work
- Training includes mechanical instruction on tractor driving, use of all machinery including mowers, strimmers and hedge trimmers
- Practical training in maintenance of all our Ornamental, turf and woodland areas
- Training and participation in creation and maintenance of bedding schemes including planting, 3D sculpture planting, and day to day regimes e.g. weeding, pruning, watering.
- Working alongside and supervising volunteers as required
- Support to Garden events as required.
- Any other tasks as required by the Assistant Gardens manager.

Skills and Experience

The appointment is for one year and would suit someone with a desire to learn about or an interest in horticulture, together with some experience, whether public or private, or experience of working out of doors. Evidence of practical ability would also be an advantage. Enthusiasm and willingness to learn are also important.

Terms & Conditions

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| <i>Salary:</i> | £16,018 per annum. |
| <i>Hours:</i> | You are required to work 37½ hours per week, Monday to Friday, including some weekends and Bank Holidays assisting with the supervision of volunteers, garden tours and carrying out irrigation duties etc. |
| <i>Holiday:</i> | 25 days per annum which includes 5 training days plus bank holidays. |
| <i>Other:</i> | National Trust Staff Card which entitles free entry for two people at all NT properties and a 20% discount in their shops. Clothing and equipment needed to carry out your duties will be provided |

To apply please send your CV and covering letter to application@waddesdon.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 11pm on Sunday 28th July 2019

Interviews to be held on Tuesday 13th August 2019



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