



WADDESDON

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Waddesdon Manor

Our varied and rewarding volunteering opportunities play an integral part in enhancing and ensuring a positive visitor experience for everyone.

Please find following a profile for the role of

Weekday Gardener

Reporting to:	Horticultural Team Leader
Department:	Gardens
Based at:	Gardens Department
Purpose of this role within Waddesdon Manor:	To support the Gardens Department with a wide range of horticultural activities and tasks to maintain the gardens to a high standard. We are able to offer a broad range and diverse volunteer opportunities in locations such as the Manor Garden, the Dairy, Five Arrows Hotel or Windmill Hill, including seasonal maintenance, project work and development of the garden. In addition to these, we are also able to offer more specialist volunteer opportunities in our Plant Nursery and Propagation Facility, Rose Garden, Eythrope Gardens, looking after newly planted trees or maintaining our indoor plants in the Five Arrows and the Manor Conservatory, or supporting the running of garden workshops on weekends.
Key elements of this role you could expect to undertake or be asked to do:	You should expect to undertake the following tasks: weeding, planting out bedding, pruning, lawn edging and various other gardening tasks which could include mowing, propagating and growing on plants, care of indoor plants or supporting the team at Eythrope Gardens (please also see the attached task list)
You will be working with:	Waddesdon gardeners, Horticultural team leaders, trainees and other volunteers.
Who would be good at this role?	
We ask that all our volunteers have an interest and enthusiasm for Waddesdon Manor and the work of the National Trust.	
Particular person attributes needed for this role are: Essential (E) or Desirable (D)	
Presentation and Impact	E Approachable, friendly, willing to help.
Education, Qualification, Special Skills	D Some basic gardening skills would be useful. Training will be given.
Work Experience	D No prior work experience of gardening is needed.
Motivation and Aptitude	E Reliable with very good time keeping. E Good levels of physical fitness.
Disposition and Personality	E Positive, enjoy working as part of a team and interacting with visitors.
Training and Induction given:	Training will be given for each job undertaken.
Anticipated Time Contribution:	Our working week is Monday to Thursday and we offer the following hours: All day: 08:00 – 16:30 Half day (am): 08:00 – 12:00 Half day (pm): 13:00 – 16:30 On Friday we offer: All day: 08:00-15:15 Half day (am): 08:00-12:00 Half day (pm): 12:45-15:15

Lunch breaks and comfort breaks:

Breaks are at 10.00am and 3.00pm in the garden, it is advised to bring a flask or other drinks i.e. water. Lunch is at 12.00pm -12:45pm taken in the Gardens Department mess-room. Facilities include a fridge, microwave and kettle.

Safety equipment supplied (if appropriate):

The Garden Department can provide any necessary PPE (personal protective equipment where necessary, unless volunteers wish to provide their own. We advise that volunteers wear long trousers and long sleeved tops when working in the gardens. Some uniform and wet weather clothing will be provided.

Benefits of volunteering for the National Trust At Waddesdon

After you have amounted 50 volunteer hours you will be awarded a National Trust Volunteers card offering you the following discounts:

- Free entry into National Trust properties (or free entry for another person if the card holder is already a NT member)
 - 20% discount to volunteer card holders on National Trust Membership
 - 20% off in Waddesdon's Retail Shops
 - 10% off in Waddesdon's Wine Shop
 - 20% off most Waddesdon ticketed events (some exclusions may apply)
 - 20% off at National Trust's online shop
- *all discounts are subject to availability*

Expenses: Reimbursement of travel costs between home and Waddesdon Manor in the form of a mileage claim (33p per mile up to a maximum 60 mile round trip).

In addition: Our Volunteer Community are very important to us and we like to get them all together when we can. We host occasional events including an annual day trip, coffee mornings and we are always open to ideas and suggestions on keeping the community thriving and involved.

The list of duties is not exhaustive and Waddesdon reserves the right to amend this list within reason according to the needs of Waddesdon Manor. For all our volunteer positions we have a formal selection process. All these arrangements are binding in honour only and are not intended to be legally binding