



Great Dixter Charitable Estates Team Volunteer

Job Title: Great Dixter Charitable Trust Green Woodwork Volunteer

Department: Estate Team

Location: The Great Barn, Great Dixter House and Gardens, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 6PH

Staff Contacts: Jane Wigan (Education Officer)

Lewis Boshier: Deputy Head Gardener

Perry Rodriguez (Health and safety executive)

Main purpose of the role: The Estates Team care for the vegetable garden and carry out a wide variety of maintenance tasks around the estate. The Estates Team Volunteer would support the Deputy Head Gardener with these tasks.

Role Requirements:

- No previous experience is necessary as full training is given.
- Volunteers work from 8am – 5pm (4.30 in the winter months) with a morning and afternoon break and an hours lunch break.
- Tending to the vegetable garden: Planting, weeding, mulching, picking vegetables.
- Maintaining the wider estate
- Estate team volunteers need to be physically fit.
- You should be ready to work outside in all weathers.
- Regular weekly attendance for the open season (April – October) or closed season (November – March) with adequate notice being given if you cannot attend a session.
- Volunteers work under the supervision of Lewis Boshier.
- You will be given a health and safety induction on your first day. You must observe health and safety procedures at all times and support others in doing so.
- You will receive a volunteer welcome pack and be asked to complete a volunteer agreement form.
- Volunteers will need to be able to make their own way to Great Dixter (Please be aware that there is limited public transport).
- There will be occasional interaction with the general public, answering questions about vegetable gardening.

The benefits for you:

- You will have the opportunity to learn a range of new skills
- Days will be spent with a friendly team in a beautiful location.

- You will gain free entry to the garden
- You will support Great Dixter with its charitable aims and objectives and learn more about other events and volunteering opportunities.

Additional Information:

- We ask for a commitment of 3 months. This will be reviewed at the end of the 3 months and again at the end of the season (April – October or November to March)
- You will work in line with our current Covid 19 policy.