

Volunteering at

JANE AUSTEN'S HOUSE

Gardener Role Description



About this role

Be part of the dedicated team of volunteer gardeners taking care of this beautiful cottage garden. Bringing it to life throughout each glorious season, celebrate the history of the Austen ladies' beloved garden, and enjoy sharing this special place with our visitors.

What's Involved?

- Being part of the volunteer gardening team of Jane Austen's House
- Weeding, watering, pruning and general gardening duties
- Support the museum's mission to be environmentally conscientious
- Thinking about the needs of all visitors, including disabled people and families.
- Getting to know health and safety and evacuation procedures
- Following the JAH code of conduct

How much time would you need to give?

At least one morning every two weeks, on either Tuesday or Fridays

This role will suit you if you....

- Enjoy gardening!
- Have some basic gardening knowledge
- Love history, and the idea of being hands on outdoors
- Have a great attention to detail
- Are relatively flexible, and capable of some light lifting

- Love Jane Austen! (This is actually not essential, but having a strong interest in English Literature, the Regency period or sharing stories from the past is important. You will pick up lots of facts and information through volunteering).
- Are available at least once a fortnight on a Tuesday or Friday
- Would like to join a busy, lively, and supportive team and be part of sharing the stories of Jane Austen's House

Things to know....

- This is physical work, requiring bending and some light lifting
- Our gardeners work throughout the year
- All volunteer gardeners work only under the direct supervision of our Head Gardener
- Gardeners work only on Tuesdays and Fridays

How to apply

If this sounds like the right volunteer role for you, we would love to hear from you.

We ask all new volunteers to fill in a brief application to tell us a little bit more about you and why you think this role is suitable for you.

Please send completed applications, or if you have any questions, please contact our Head of Commercial & Visitor Experience

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Thank you