

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

GARDENER



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PURPOSE

The role serves to provide support to the Estates Team at Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. Working alongside the Estates Team and other members of the volunteer gardening team to support the care of the gardens and grounds of the Blists Hill site and maintain it to an excellent standard.

LOCATION

Blists Hill Victorian Town

ABOUT YOU

We are looking for an individual with:

- An interest in gardening, heritage and working outdoors
- Some gardening or countryside management knowledge or experience is desirable, but not essential
- Ability to work on both own initiative and as part of a team
- Able to work with minimal supervision
- Possess a level of physical fitness required to meet the demands of the outdoor gardening work, e.g. the ability to work in standing or crouching down for extended periods, potentially on uneven surfaces and in variable weather conditions
- As the public face of the Trust, volunteers are requested to present themselves in a manner of dress and footwear appropriate to their role - weatherproof clothing and tough footwear is recommended. You may also be asked to wear historical costume which is provided.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Volunteers will work with hand tools on a variety of tasks within a day or half a day. Volunteers may work under the direction of the Ranger or the other responsible person. Much of the work in the gardens and grounds involves sustained physical activity combined with an eye for detail and finish. Tasks may include:

- Watering and feeding plants, trees and shrubs
- Hand weeding, hoeing, staking, deadheading and cutting back the flower, shrub and vegetable borders
- Division and propagation of plants and planting
- Maintaining good access e.g. path maintenance, signposting

There may also be the opportunity for project based work e.g. wildlife surveys, specific restoration work.

COMMITMENT EXPECTED

One day or half a day as suits your skills and aptitude

MAIN CONTACT

Ranger

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact volunteering@ironbridge.org.uk or visit our [website](#) to complete an application form.