

Garden Volunteer

Department Name: Gardens

Volunteer Supervisor: Gardens Manager

Why join us?

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is an independent charity which cares for the world's greatest Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford-upon-Avon, and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of his works, life and times all over the world. Celebrating Shakespeare is at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteer team help us achieve these goals - so join us and help create a wonderful experience for our global audiences.

Volunteer with our dedicated Gardens Team - do you enjoy keeping active, finding out about the conservation of our grounds, it's wildlife and learning some new gardening skills? Our gardens department is focused on environmentally conscious gardening, striving to minimise our impact on local biodiversity, whilst maintaining our gardens to a high standard for the enjoyment of our visitors. This volunteer role is based mainly at Anne Hathaway's Cottage but can include sessions at any of our Shakespeare sites.

What will you be doing?

- Supporting the wider Gardens Team and helping them with day-to-day tasks at the properties. Typical seasonal tasks include assisting with planting, pruning, deadheading and weeding.
- There are many activities available to get involved with throughout the year; from willow weaving to apple picking.
- Engaging in conversation with visitors about our gardens and sites
- Being responsible for looking after the tools and equipment that you will be trained to use and cleaning/disinfecting them as appropriate
- You will be volunteering as part of the team of gardeners and volunteers, but you may occasionally be helping other departments
- Work within general Health & Safety policies and procedures

Do you have the skills we are looking for?

- Good people skills with the ability to talk confidently to both individuals & groups
- Previous practical gardening skills would be a bonus, but training will be provided
- A passionate team member, who can also carry out tasks independently to help with garden maintenance and conservation work
- Ability to follow instructions well
- Ability to carry out physical work and be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions

How often would we like you to volunteer?

Our current volunteer day is Wednesday, based mainly at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, from 9.00am to 3.00pm. This may change in the future, so please get in touch if you have any questions.

Length of the volunteering role?

Ongoing

Additional information

- Volunteers to wear their own clothing suitable for gardening in our brand colours (red, black, white or grey)
- Volunteer badges will be provided
- Smoking is not allowed on site
- Food and drink are restricted to the on site team break area onsite
- Training will be provided as necessary

Benefits of joining us

- On completion of 20 hours volunteering for the Trust, all volunteers receive a volunteer card giving free entry to SBT properties and a range of discounts
- Annual service awards take place each February for volunteers who have achieved 200 hours or more of volunteering in the previous year
- Volunteer celebration days and coffee morning chats will be programmed throughout the year
- We can provide references
- We can provide reimbursement of travel expenses only.



Have any questions...

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