

Why does St John's House need my support?

St John's House is a historic building located in the centre of Warwick with a history spanning almost 900 years. The house has had many purposes over the years including a private residence and a school. The house is now looked after by Warwickshire County Council where we run school and educational events. We are looking for a friendly volunteer to help with general gardening tasks. This will be a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, help to keep the gardens well kept, meet new people and be part of a small team.

Where will I be based?

The gardens at St John's House, St Johns, Warwick, CV34 4NF

What will I be doing?

As a Gardening Volunteer this will involve:

- Carrying out general gardening tasks such as keeping pathways clear of leaves, weeding and tidying borders.
- Meet with the lead garden volunteer and site caretaker for extra support and guidance on what gardening tasks need doing.
- Getting out and putting away gardening tools safely.
- Light lifting and bending.

How much time will I be expected to give?

Monday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Depending on your availability this can be monthly or weekly. We strive to be as flexible as possible.

What skills, qualities and experience do I need?

We are looking for individuals who enjoy being outdoors, who have a positive attitude and willingness to get involved. General gardening experience would be ideal but is not necessary.

What support and training will I receive?

Training will be provided which will include:

- Familiarisation with site and staff.
- Induction and health and safety training.
- Role-specific training including manual handling training.
- On-going monitoring and support from the site team.

What will be expected from me?

- To be reliable in attendance and dependable.
- Enjoy your role and carry out the tasks to the best of your ability.
- Maintain good relationships with staff, other volunteers, and members of the public.
- Attend appropriate training and learning.
- Observe organisational policies and procedures.
- Keep us informed if you have any problems during your time with us and to always ask if you're not sure about something.
- This role is suitable for 18 years of age or older.

What can I expect from the volunteer role?

- A welcoming and enjoyable experience.
- To be treated fairly and with respect.
- Recognition and appreciation for your contribution.
- An induction and training programme with on-going support.
- A risk assessment for your role.
- To be insured by the County Council when volunteering.
- To be able to take part in Heritage and Culture Warwickshire volunteer social events organised by the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Reimbursement of travel costs between home and volunteering location.
- Your details to be kept confidential and in line with data protection legislation.
- If you have any specific needs or requirements, please get in touch.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Alice Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, on heritagevolunteering@warwickshire.gov.uk

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