

Role description: Garden Volunteer

Role title:	Garden Volunteer
Project description:	Maintaining and nurturing the historic garden as part of the integral narrative at the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum for the enjoyment and education our visitors.
Project manager:	Miranda Prescott The Garden team is supervised by a Lead Garden Volunteer
Where:	Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum garden
When:	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)
Commitment:	The role can be very flexible, but a regular commitment of at least two in four Mondays is desirable
Duration:	Ongoing, although there is more to do in the summer months, and we do not work in bad weather
Requirements: (skills etc)	Experience in gardening. An interest in historic gardens. Able to undertake physical work e.g. weeding, digging, clearing, planting, and hedging, working with secateurs, shears and typical garden tools, etc. Happy to work as part of a team.
What's in it for you:	Delight and satisfaction of working in the beautiful Russell-Cotes garden. Working with a team of like-minded individuals in the unique and historic setting. Learning new skills 'on the job'.

<p>Why we want you:</p>	<p>We are looking for a new addition to our established volunteer garden team so that the garden can continue to be a valued part of our visitors' experience of the house. We are interested in those with existing gardening experience.</p> <p>Collection of arisings, grass cutting and gravel spraying is done by the award winning Parks team and all other work is the remit of the garden volunteers.</p> <p>The historic garden has a closely written historic garden management plan and this will be the blueprint for your contribution</p>
<p>Training:</p>	<p>House Tour Volunteer induction Fire evacuation induction Garden safety induction Working at Heights training</p>
<p>For more information, contact:</p>	<p>Miranda Prescott Miranda.prescott@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>Tea and coffee is provided for volunteers in the staff room.</p> <p>We offer regular opportunities for volunteers to get together and meet each other. We also hold knowledge-sharing sessions with our Collections teams, and Curator-led tours of our main exhibitions so that you can get a great insight into the story and the collection.</p> <p>We do not usually pay volunteers expenses and we ask that prospective candidates consider the implications of this on their travel expense before applying.</p>
<p>Last Reviewed:</p>	<p>3 February 2020</p>