

Volunteer Positions at The Growing Space
For availability contact us

Project	Positions	No	Task Description	Skills and Qualifications Required (or willingness & ability to learn)
New Beginnings	Mentoring programme development	1	Providing emotional support to vulnerable beneficiaries experiencing emotional distress; helping develop a mentoring programme; helping enable beneficiaries to use horticulture as a form of therapeutic intervention; assisting the Horticulture Worker to evaluate the project.	Support of vulnerable adults; mentoring; interpreting and following session plans; good horticulture knowledge; basic 1 day first aid; interpreting and following risk assessments; knowledge of orchard management.
	Marketing and promotion	1	Help the group (guided by the horticulture worker with help from the well-being worker) to develop posters, leaflets and other promotional material that will attract new members to the group who are experiencing mental distress and enable GPs and mental health practitioners to make referrals to the project	Good IT skills; good literacy skills; knowledge and understanding of mental health issues; contacts with other mental health and recovery groups.
Supported Gardening	Supporter (Tuesday)	1	Assist in providing pre-planned horticultural activities that are appropriate to the needs of adults and young people experiencing common mental health problems or learning disability; help adults and young people record and reflect on their skills acquisition and emotional changes.	Care, education or social work; interpreting and following session plans; interpreting and following risk assessments; good knowledge of herbs and vegetables; basic 1 day first aid.
	Supporter (Wednesday)	1		
Children & Gardening	Primary Children's support	1	Assist in providing pre-planned horticultural activities for children that will enable learning about food growing. Help develop appropriate garden and learning resources. Help use horticulture to redress behavioural, emotional and / or communication difficulties.	Excellent understanding of education / learning and learning environments; Wide experience of children and the issues that concern them. Basic 1 day 1 st aid. Good gardening skills. Ability to work innovatively and provide a positive adult role model. assisting both in the gardens here and possibly at Wincanton's primaries.
	Pre-school Children's support	1		
Garden Development & Maintenance	Bed & Border Maintenance Fruit & Vegetable Growing		Maintaining fruit, vegetables, perennials, annuals & biennials, shrubs and trees throughout The Balsam Gardens.	Excellent knowledge of plants and gardening; Working cooperatively in a team and independently; Good weeding skills! Good organic knowledge; basic 1 day 1 st aid.
	Hard Landscaping & Construction	2	Developing & maintaining structures and hard landscapes throughout the gardens; considering the needs of centre users in construction design and techniques.	Excellent DIY or trade skills; Knowledge of materials; Excellent use of a range of tools, measuring, geometry & levelling. Basic surveying. Teamworking and cooperation skills.
	Lawn Maintenance	1	Mowing, edging, experimenting with organic weed control and nutrition.	Good knowledge of turf maintenance; knowledge of safe machinery operation and maintenance. Ability to cut twice a week in season.
All	Cut Flowers & Flower Arranging	1		