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Volunteer Role Summary Garden – Oxburgh Hall

Oxburgh Hall is set in 30 acres of formal gardens and a further 50 acres of surrounding landscape including woodlands. The volunteer garden role is key to assisting the Gardener maintain all areas to a high standard which can range from carefully mown grassland to the planting out of the Parterre. If you have RHS gardening qualifications then that is great, but we are also happy to take on someone who has an interest in developing their knowledge and experience in gardening.

You will need to be able to give a warm welcome to our visitors as well as answer any questions they may have about the garden and the National Trust. Visitor Engagement is a key priority for the National Trust. We strongly encourage volunteers to chat to visitors which can often lead to a lasting impression about a property when they leave.

By getting involved, you could

- Use your smile and communication skills to help visitors feel at home
- Join an enthusiastic and varied team and make some new friends
- See National Trust properties from a whole new perspective.

What's involved?

- Providing a warm, friendly welcome to all visitors as the face of Oxburgh Hall and the National Trust.
- Raising 6500 bedding plants and planting out in the parterre
- Maintaining box hedges
- Maintaining all plants in the Victorian Greenhouse and cold greenhouse
- Maintaining all plants in cold-frame
- Potting up cuttings
- Maintaining the Plant Sales table in the kitchen garden
- Assisting with composting
- Shrub pruning
- Orchard management

- Planting of bulbs
- Weeding borders and footpaths
- Maintaining the 'cut flower' raised beds
- Assisting with poly-tunnel production
- Mowing of all lawn and other grassed areas.
- Upholding the National Trust customer service standards and values and behaviours.

Maintaining the grassed areas is a huge commitment, especially during the summer months, so having a volunteer who is keen to cut grass and learn how to use the different machinery would be a huge asset.

This role will suit you if you are ...

- Someone who loves meeting new people
- Keen to discover what Oxburgh Hall and the Trust as a whole is all about
- Keen on working outdoors and in a garden environment

Extra Information

- We'll help you get to know Oxburgh Hall, how you can help and how you will work with the rest of the team – with induction and training
- We'll also cover agreed costs of your travel between home and Oxburgh Hall

Find out more

Contact Helen Gregory on 01366 328258 or helen.gregory@nationaltrust.org.uk

About the National Trust

As Europe's largest conservation charity, we help everyone across England, Wales and Northern Ireland enjoy all sorts of very special places for ever, for everyone.

About Oxburgh

No-one forgets their first sight of Oxburgh. Built in 1482 by the Catholic Bedingfield family, it is the enduring legacy of their survival through turbulent times. Explore 500 years of history and see how each generation of the family left their mark. Discover the hidden doors, climb inside the secret Priest Hole and enjoy panoramic views from the roof. Exhibitions include needlework made by Mary, Queen of Scots, and colourful wallpapers dating to the mid-1700s. The moated Hall is surrounded by nearly 70 acres containing beautiful gardens, trickling streams and woodland walks.

This is a voluntary role. This role summary isn't legally binding or a contract.

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Outdoors volunteering

Core Role