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Paycocke's House & Garden Volunteer Role Description Gardener

What is a Gardener?

Working as part of a team, Volunteer Gardeners help with the upkeep, development and protection of the garden at Paycocke's House & Garden so that it can be enjoyed by all visitors.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Getting your hands dirty and enjoying the great outdoors

What's involved?

- Helping out with the general upkeep of the garden by supporting the garden team with:
 - tidying up, dead-heading, weeding and caring for borders
 - looking after trees, shrubs and plants
 - propagating and nursery work
 - grass cutting
 - looking after garden equipment
- Being a friendly face for visitors to the garden and answering any questions they may have, developing a knowledge of Grange Barn as the properties support and work with each other
- Helping out with the development of the garden by:
 - planting trees and shrubs
 - establishing borders and other garden features
 - clearing and pruning overgrown areas
 - putting new ideas forward
- Becoming familiar with and then following the National Trust's Health and Safety Policy at all times
- There may be other activities where we could use your help

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This role will suit people who... have some experience of gardening and enjoy working as part of a team. This role can be physically demanding so you'd need to be reasonably fit and willing to work out of doors in all weather conditions.

Extra information

Your place	Paycocke's House & Garden
Time commitment	Once a fortnight, or more if you can. The team normally meet on Thursday but once inducted should you wish to also volunteer on other days you would be welcome to do so.
House Manager	Karen Marchlik
Tel	01376 561305
Email	Karen.marchlik@nationaltrust.org.uk
What you need to wear/ bring	You'll need clothes that you didn't mind getting dirty, sturdy walking boots and your own gardening gloves.
Training/Resources	You'll get a full induction to Paycocke's House & Garden so you'll have chance to learn about the House too. There will be health and safety induction and time spent shadowing with existing volunteers.
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance

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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. Become part of our fascinating story – volunteer.

About Paycocke's House & Garden

Paycocke's House has a tranquil arts and craft styled garden. From 2008 the garden volunteers at Paycocke's have been devotedly caring for and developing the garden. There is a wonderful variety of roses and a collection of fuchsias. The aim is to keep a peaceful cottage garden feel for our visitors to enjoy. Alongside maintaining the main garden area there is a fantastic kitchen garden too where we grow vegetables for sale.

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