

Woodland garden Volunteer

Working with: the Director and other staff and volunteers

The arboretum is creating a new area of woodland garden to introduce new plants and trees to the site and to add to our visitors' enjoyment.

We are looking a volunteers who can work with supervision from the Director, John Grimshaw, to help create and maintain this new and exciting project. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn from an expert and increase your own gardening skills and knowledge.

What would I do?

- Take responsibility either individually, as a couple, or a small group, for a patch of the new woodland garden.
- Visit regularly to inspect the trees, keep weeds under control and plant new material

What skills and experience do I need?

- Experience and enjoyment of gardening at a domestic level would be very useful
- All the tools and equipment you need will be provided
- As you know, the weather can be unpredictable so good waterproof clothing and footwear will be useful!

Where would I work?

- The woodland garden is sited around 500 metres from the Visitor Centre so you will need to be able to walk there and back each time you visit.
- You could work by yourself if that would suit you best or you may prefer to join a small group of other volunteers

How much time would I need to give?

- A regular commitment of one day per week or per fortnight would be very helpful but a certain amount of flexibility is possible (see below).

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- It is likely that we will arrange for a small group of volunteers to work together, probably on Wednesdays, when the Director will normally be available to supervise the work
- If you would prefer to work independently and take personal responsibility for your own patch of the garden then, after initial training, you will be welcome to visit as and when it suits you, within the arboretum's opening hours. You will need to arrange occasional meetings with the Director to discuss progress and agree future activities.

I'm interested! How do I apply?

Please contact volunteer@yorkshirearboretum.org telling us a little about yourself, why you are interested in this role and any relevant skills and experience you have. We will normally reply to you by email initially but please also include a telephone number(s) so we can contact you.

If you do not have access to email please telephone the arboretum on 01653 648598 and leave a brief message letting us know which role you're interested in, together with your telephone number, and we'll call you back.