

Library Gardener

Bedford Borough Libraries Role Profile

Description

We would love our gardens to be attractive, colourful spaces for the public to enjoy whilst using our libraries.

Putnoe's garden is mainly laid to grass but there is a large flower bed and several pots and containers which need someone with green fingers to plant and maintain. The library has garden furniture for the public and staff to use and the garden is a real suntrap in which to enjoy a book or chat with friends. Several events are held outside during the year.

Wootton has a grassy area at the back and a small flowerbed in the front of the library and is a much smaller project, but still has lots of potential!

Libraries are all about being a community space and our aim is to have a lovely garden for everyone to enjoy.

What will I be doing?

- General weeding and tidying up of the beds
 - Planting the beds with colourful flowers, herbs, shrubs, bulbs or even vegetables!
 - Planting and maintenance of the pots and boxes during spring/summer/autumn
 - Cutting back and pruning plants and shrubs
 - Watering in very hot weather
 - Raking up leaves
 - Sweeping paths and seating area
 - Sourcing cheap or free plants to use in the garden.
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What skills do I need?

An interest and enthusiasm for plants and gardening plus some great ideas for making a lovely garden on a shoe string!

When will I be needed?

Ideally a weekly commitment of one or two hours from March to October, with a willingness to be flexible.

Location

Putnoe Library, Library Walk, Putnoe, Bedford MK41 8HQ

Wootton Library, Lorraine Road, Wootton, Bedford MK43 8LH.

What will I gain from the role?

- You will have the satisfaction of creating a community garden that can be enjoyed by both young and old
 - You can have fun planting up a garden and gain valuable gardening experience along the way!
 - Gardening is an excellent way to keep fit and healthy
 - Chance to meet new people.
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What support will I be given?

- You will receive appropriate training and regular support
 - Library staff will provide help and advice
 - Other volunteers to help with the gardening may also be recruited
 - Grass cutting and major gardening jobs are carried out by Borough staff
 - An opportunity to attend a get-together once a year.
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How do I apply?

Please e-mail Antaya.Lendore@bedford.gov.uk to request an application pack.