

The aim of the role:

Britain in Bloom is a year-round competition that allows groups to compete on a regional or national level by using gardening to transform their communities. You will be helping to maintain the NDH Britain in Bloom flowerbed on The Strand, Barnstaple. Gardens are a crucial part of everyone’s health and wellbeing and we are delighted to be taking part in RHS Britain in Bloom for the first time and bringing more life, colour and energy into Barnstaple for everyone to enjoy and benefit from, as well as promoting excellent community engagement by joining the team.

What’s involved:

General flowerbed maintenance such as watering & feeding plants, hand weeding, deadheading, mulching, pruning, removal of annual bedding plants and the replanting of bedding plants. Ensuring the site is kept free of debris and looks its best. You will be unsupervised and will be required to maintain all health & safety aspects of being a lone worker. Guidance will be given but prior knowledge of gardening would be an advantage although not essential. This role will involve bending, stretching, twisting and kneeling and at times may be physically exerting so a reasonable fitness level would be advantageous.

Hours required:

One Day a week for approximately 2-3 hours

Commitment to a regular shift is preferable.



**Britain in Bloom Hospice Garden**

**Volunteer Role Brief**

What the hospice can offer you:

  The opportunity to utilise existing skills or develop & learn new skills

* You will be part of a small friendly team with support from our Head Gardener

  The knowledge you are directly contributing to your local community

  The opportunity to enhance your personal fitness and wellbeing

  The opportunity to gain hands on horticultural experience

  Small hand tools can be supplied if required, these to be collected and returned to Deer Park at the start and end of each shift or your own small tools can be used

  Reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses

What you can offer us:

  An ability to work as part of a small team with people of wide ranging abilities out in the community

  An ability to work safely and to not endanger yourself or others, using common sense to maintain a safe working environment

* An ability to work unsupervised and to work within set boundaries

  Enthusiasm for outside practical horticultural work is essential although no previous experience required

  A willingness to undertake training and to follow NDH policies and guidelines

Next steps:

If you would like to join our friendly Gardening crew please contact our Volunteering Office for an informal chat: 01271 347226 or email us at:

volunteering@northdevonhospice.org.uk

Details of this role and all our current vacancies can be found on our website along with our volunteer application form, which we require completed and returned in order to progress your enquiry.

<https://www.northdevonhospice.org.uk/jobs-volunteering/working-for-north-devon-hospice/>

**Please note:** a Disclosure and Barring Service check is not required for this role, we will however require two character references.

If you have any questions about this role or any volunteering opportunities with the hospice please contact the Volunteer Office as above.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.