

Calverley Old Hall Community Garden Volunteer



Time commitment

On site, once a month. Time spent on site may be variable dependent on the season and tasks required, however is expected to be on average one hour each month. Volunteering will take place on pre-arranged Fridays between the hours of 11am and 2pm, beginning in January 2025.

About the Calverley Old Hall Community Garden

As part of our National Lottery Heritage Funded (NLHF) repair project at Calverley Old Hall, the Landmark Trust worked in collaboration with a local garden designer to create a community garden area, which is open to everyone for free access, 7 days a week, during daylight hours. The garden is designed to be low maintenance, with a mixture of ornamental plants and herb beds. The herbs are available for anyone to pick and use. There are also benches handmade by members of the local community which are available for people to sit and catch up with friends.

The role

The role will support the Landmark Trust in maintaining the community garden, in order that it remains a lovely resource for the community to enjoy.

As a garden volunteer, you will:

- Help to maintain the beds and borders, and keep the garden looking tidy
- Undertake seasonal garden maintenance as required, e.g. deadheading, weeding, basic pruning/cutting back of plants
- Work independently in the garden
- Ensure that any maintenance issues are reported to members of Landmark Trust staff

What's in it for you?

- Opportunity to gain horticultural experience working in a community garden setting
- Opportunity to develop new horticultural skills
- Opportunity to get hands on outdoors and have access to nature
- Opportunity to meet new people
- The chance to learn more about the Landmark Trust and support the organisation

Location

The Community Garden is located at Calverley Old Hall, 20 Woodhall Road, Calverley, LS28 5NL. This is an on-site volunteer role based in the Community Garden.

Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed for each volunteer shift.

Skills and experience

No formal experience is needed for the role, an introduction to the site will be given and all tools will be provided on site, however an interest in gardening would be beneficial. After introductory training, volunteers must be happy to work on their own, with minimal supervision.

We are looking to recruit a small number of volunteers to the role on an informal rota-style basis, in order to take into account volunteer availability and the seasonal nature of garden maintenance. This team of volunteers will be largely self-managing, coordinating preferred volunteering dates as a team with the housekeeping staff on site at Calverley Old Hall.

To apply

To apply, or if you have any queries about the role, please email Hannah at: Calverley@landmarktrust.org.uk

We will also be running a 'come and find out' drop-in morning, on Friday 6 December, 10am – 12noon, so please let Hannah know if you'd like to attend, or just turn up on the day. This will be an opportunity to visit the garden, meet other interested volunteers, and hear more about the role.

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