



Sussex Archaeological Society

Role Title:	Garden Volunteer
Location:	Michelham Priory - Tuesdays & Fridays Or Lewes Castle/Anne of Cleves House - Wednesdays
Main purpose of the role:	To help maintain the gardens at Lewes Castle, Anne of Cleves House and Michelham Priory
Time commitment:	Michelham Priory: 9:30 – 15:00 Tuesdays and/or Fridays (Duration of shift is flexible). Lewes Castle/Anne Of Cleves: 10:00 – 12:00 Wednesdays (But there is a hope to expand this timing/date as the team grows) We are fairly flexible in terms of time commitment, and ideally would ask for a minimum commitment of around 1 shift a fortnight. However if you have any questions about time commitment, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our gardens are a beautiful and important element of all our historical sites, and we are looking for individuals to come and join our friendly volunteer team who help keep them maintained.

Maybe you own acres of gardens and are a trained horticulturalist, or maybe you live in a flat and have just discovered the joys of window boxes and growing your own herbs. Whatever your back ground, if you have a keen interest in gardening, being outdoors, getting your hands dirty and learning the best way to deadhead a rose... we'd love to hear from you.

What you'll be doing:

- General gardening duties such as; weeding, pruning, digging, planting and watering
- Assisting in propagating plants
- Mowing and general lawn upkeep
- Opportunities to get involved with different projects around the gardens
- Most importantly, you'll be helping us to preserve and celebrate the gardens of these historic sites.

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- Do you have an interest in gardening and our historical sites?
- Are you happy to get stuck in with basic gardening tasks?



- Do you have experience of gardening? (Yes - tending to your outdoor pot plants can certainly count!)
- Do you enjoy working outdoors?
- Do you have any skills and experience in the use of specialised Gardening tools and equipment? Although not required, we would love to know, so please do mention when you apply.
- Are you over 18?
- If it was a yes to the above, then why not get in touch and give volunteering as a Gardener a try.

Support & Training:

- When you start you will be given an introduction to the gardens.
- There will be ongoing training and support where relevant by the Head Gardener and Assistant Gardener.
- Peer support from volunteers with specialist knowledge.
- Tasks will be allocated so you'll have direction on what to be getting on with. These tasks will be allocated with experience, capacity and manoeuvrability in mind to make sure you feel comfortable and happy completing the task at hand.

What can I expect?

- An opportunity to socialise and meet new people.
- A supportive and encouraging environment to grow your skills and knowledge, and gain some gardening top tips!
- Opportunity to enjoy the benefits of working outdoors in some beautiful locations.
- Free membership to all of our sites and discounts at our cafes and gift shops.
- 50% discount on admission to English Heritage properties in Sussex, Kent and Hampshire.
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel costs for your volunteering.

Additional Information

Our historic sites do have some accessibility challenges, especially the steep staircases in Lewes Castle. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds to come and join our friendly team, so if you think you may need any adjustments to assist in your volunteering, please do let us know when you apply, and we can discuss further how we can help.

To Apply

To find out more or ask any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We can answer any questions you may have and give a little more information to see if the role might just be right for you!

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