

Sussex Archaeological Society
Fishbourne Roman Palace and Gardens

Role Title:	Garden Volunteer
Location:	Fishbourne Roman Palace Roman Way, Fishbourne Chichester PO19 3QR
Main purpose of the role:	To help maintain the gardens and grounds at Fishbourne Roman Palace
Time commitment:	Fishbourne Roman Palace: 8:30 – 15:00 Monday – Friday (Duration of shift is flexible). We are flexible in terms of time commitment and ideally would ask for a minimum commitment of around one shift a fortnight. However, if you have any questions about time commitment, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our gardens here at Fishbourne Roman Palace are beautiful and are an important element of our historical site. 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 background, 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 will be doing:

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

Contact us if this sounds like you

- Do you have an interest in gardening at our historical site?
- 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 mention these 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 a tour around the gardens.
- There will be ongoing training and support where relevant by the on-site 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 a beautiful location.

Uniform

- You will be provided with a uniform (polo shirt and fleece) so you can be identified as a volunteer at Fishbourne Roman Palace, part of Sussex Past.

Benefits

- Free admission to all Sussex Past properties.
- Discount in the Society's shops.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses (subject to a maximum 10-mile radius).
- Tea/coffee/refreshments during shifts; and
- Ad hoc offers as available from time to time.

Additional Information

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!

If you have an enquiry about volunteering with us, please contact us at AdminFish@sussexpast.co.uk

If you're ready, here's how you can apply:

- Download and complete an application found on our website, and send it to HR@sussexpast.co.uk



- **OR** Complete an online application form and upload your CV and cover letter here:
<https://hr.breathehr.com/v/volunteers-41033>. Please make sure you tell us on your application which
property you are interested in volunteering at and your availability during the week.