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# Volunteer Profile

## Gardeners under Glass Lead Volunteer

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### Where is this role based?

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Our Gardeners under Glass scheme is based out of the Community Garden at Molesey Centre for the Community, on Bishop Fox Way in West Molesey. They look after the plants in the Centre's greenhouse and vegetable patch, which are used to grow plants and vegetables for the Centre's kitchen.

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### What does this role involve?

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- To grow plants for the Community Garden, including the running of our vegetable patch.
  - To oversee the propagation of plants in the green house.
  - To support other Centre Members when they are using the greenhouse.
  - To ensure the green house is a safe place to garden.
  - To liaise with the Centre Manager to make sure the gardeners have all the tools and equipment they need.
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### When will I be needed?

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The Community Garden is currently open to the public on Fridays from 10am to 3pm. Volunteers normally run a weekly 2-hour session, the timing of which can be discussed with the Centre Manager. The Gardeners under Glass team also hold regular meetings to discuss plans and the direction for the project and highlight anything they need with the Centre Team.

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### Who will I report to?

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The Centre Manager helps to coordinate the Community Garden and will be there to handle any queries or concerns you have during your volunteering with us.

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## Who would this role be suitable for?

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This role would be ideal for someone who:

- Enjoys meeting new people being active outside.
- Would like to pass on their gardening knowledge to others, from seasoned horticulturalists to green fingered beginners.
- Is organised and happy to help plan a growing schedule for the garden.
- Is looking to support their local community.

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## Are there any requirements for this role?

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No formal training is required but our volunteers need a good working knowledge of gardening techniques and tools.

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## Will I have to do any training?

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The Centre Manager will take you through how the project operates and what tools, equipment and support are available. They will also cover the health and safety policy and basic first aid if necessary.

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## Will I need a DBS check?

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A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is not required for this role.

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## This sounds like the role for me! How do I apply?

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If you've decided on a role that's right for you, you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 01372 474 552 or email [commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk).

They will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss what you would like to get out of the role, and take you through the application and DBS process.

Please note that for all our volunteers we require two references, either from an employer or a character reference from someone who knows you.