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# Volunteer Profile

## Cobham Community Garden Lead

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**Please note: Due to the current COVID-19 lockdown, this position is being offered as an initially home-based posting, to assist with planning for the project for when restrictions are lifted. Volunteers will be given guidance and have regular engagement with the Centre Manager via phone or Zoom to discuss plans and address any issues.**

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### Where is this role based?

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The Cobham Community Garden is based at the Cobham Centre for the Community, on Oakdene Road, behind Cobham High Street.

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### What does this role involve?

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- Supporting with the care of the plants in the Community Garden, including the growth or propagating of new plants as required.
- Helping to grow produce in the Community Vegetable Patch for the Centre and its members.
- Undertaking light gardening duties such as dead-heading, weeding, pruning and watering.
- Helping to run a gardening group for members of Cobham Community Centre including our Cobham Link group for adults with learning disabilities.

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### When will I be needed?

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The Community Garden is open during normal Centre opening hours; 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Gardening sessions with Centre Members normally run for up to 2 hours, but volunteers are also welcome to assist in the garden any time the Centre is open.

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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 being outdoors and meeting new people.
- Is keen to share their passion for gardening with others.
- Is organised and could help plan a growing schedule for the garden.
- Would like to help create an enjoyable, relaxing space for members of the local community.

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## Are there any requirements for this role?

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There is no formal training required for this role, but volunteers will 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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Basic health and safety and first aid training will be given when you start this role. The Cobham Centre Manager will also be on hand to take you through what tools, equipment and other support are available.

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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.