



Volunteer Role Description Garden Mapping Volunteer

About The Knoll Gardens Foundation (Registered Charity; 1159390)

For nearly 30 years Knoll Gardens has been developing and refining a naturalistic approach to the gardens design, plant choice and ongoing care. The charity was created in 2008 and is dedicated to achieving a better understanding of the balance between Knoll's naturalistic ethos and the gardens wildlife.

As part of its work the charity undertakes regular surveys including butterflies, moths, dragonflies, birds, bumblebees, amphibians and reptiles. The charity also organises an effective and practical volunteer scheme that supports the gardens' care along with other roles such as contributing to educational activities and maintaining the charity website and social media presence.

What is a Garden Mapping Volunteer?

Knoll Gardens occupies a four-acre sloping site at Hampreston near Wimborne. The garden is open to the public from February to December. We have a schematic paper map of the garden, which forms part of the existing guide to visitors, but it is now several years old, and many parts of the garden have since undergone significant change and re-landscaping. Each bed/area within the garden has a reference number which forms the basis of our plant records. We are looking for someone with an interest in and experience of general mapping techniques to undertake a project to refresh the map and bring it up to date. We require a map of sufficient accuracy to show the numbered beds/areas plus some major woody plants (trees, shrubs) together with the positions of the paths, ponds and lawn areas. Plant/gardening knowledge is not a requirement for this project as Knoll has plenty of expert plantspeople and volunteers.

Our intention is for the revised map to replace the current version that forms part of the visitor guide given out to garden visitors.

What's involved?

- Advise the Directors on possible approaches to mapping the gardens, and options for making the updated map available to visitors.
- Following agreement on approach, draw up a plan to map the gardens.

- Undertake the mapping, working with other members of the Knoll team to populate the map with beds, key plants and other garden areas.

What's in it for you?

As well as making a difference to a local, nationally recognised Garden in beautiful surroundings, this is a great opportunity to meet people from a wide variety of backgrounds and to work as part of a small friendly team.

This role would suit people who... have a knowledge of mapping techniques, can draw accurately and to scale, have the ability to work competently on their own or in a group in a safe manner and in keeping with the garden's ethos and way of working.

Extra Information

Your place Knoll Gardens, Hampreston, Wimborne, BH21 7ND

When To suit the volunteer, but excluding Sundays

Time commitment Flexible, but sufficient to fulfil the purpose of the role.

Staff contact Neil Lucas.

Notes Appropriate clothing, including stout footwear, needs to be worn.
You will be covered by the Knoll Gardens insurance and health & safety requirements.

For more information, please contact us at; foundation@knollgardens.co.uk

Applications forms are available to download at
knollgardensfoundation.org

This role is purely voluntary and as such this arrangement is not meant to be legally binding or an employment contract.