



## Volunteer Role Description Plant Centre 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 Knolls naturalistic ethos and the gardens wildlife.

As part of its work the charity undertakes a number of 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 Plant Centre Volunteer?**

The Plant Centre is stocked with the nurseries range of grasses and perennials for sale to on site visitors during opening hours. Volunteers help the nursery staff to maintain the plants in a good condition suitable for sale. This role is primarily outside but there is the opportunity to work undercover during inclement weather.

### **What's involved?**

- General care and maintenance of plants in the Plant Centre including weeding, trimming and cutting back.
- Removing plants that are no longer suitable for sales.
- Informing nursery staff of plants missing from the A – Z benches.
- Watering of plants as needed.

### **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 an interest in plants and an eye for appropriate detail. Are reasonably fit as most work is of a practical hands-on nature and have the ability to work competently on their own or in a group, in a safe manner and in keeping with the gardens ethos and way of working.

## **Extra Information**

<b>Your place</b>	Knoll Gardens, Hampreston, Wimborne, BH21 7ND
<b>When</b>	February to December
<b>Time commitment</b>	Flexible, ideally weekly with a minimum of 2 hours, excluding Sunday.
<b>Staff contact</b>	Nursery staff on front of house duties.
<b>Notes</b>	You should be immunised against tetanus Appropriate clothing, including stout footwear (ideally steel toe caps), needs to be worn. Appropriate training will be provided. Any Health & Safety equipment such as gloves etc will be supplied (please advise of any known latex allergy). You will be covered by the Knoll Gardens insurance and health & safety requirements.

**For more information please contact us at; [foundation@knollgardens.co.uk](mailto:foundation@knollgardens.co.uk)**

**Applications forms are available to download at [knollgardensfoundation.org](http://knollgardensfoundation.org)**

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