



Volunteer Gardener

We are looking for a team of up to four Volunteer Gardeners to help maintain the floral displays around the grounds of the National Horse Racing Museum Newmarket and the historic gardens at Palace House. The gardens are a key attraction for visitors to the Museum and will also be used for events.

What's involved?

- Keeping the garden tidy including weeding, dead-heading, pruning, sweeping paths and removing any litter
- Planting in line with the agreed garden plan for the Museum
- Watering and caring for plants as needed
- Safe use and care of garden tools
- Volunteering as part of a small team directed by the Volunteer Garden Team Leader.

Tasks will be shared out across the volunteer gardening team by the Volunteer Garden Team Leader according to interests, availability, knowledge and skills.

What's in it for you?

- Being part of an exciting new heritage development
- Volunteering in our historic garden
- Developing new skills and knowledge and/or building on existing experience
- Meeting new people with similar interests
- Being a valuable member of a team.

This role will suit someone who is a keen gardener; is happy to volunteer alongside others as part of a small team; enjoys being outdoors and is practical and hands-on. You should be happy to defer to the Volunteer Garden Team Leader who has been asked to oversee the project. If you do not have specific gardening experience training will be given.

Are you interested?

If this volunteer role is of interest please do get in touch with Annette Bell by email on abell@nhrm.co.uk or telephone 01638 667314. The first stage of our recruitment process is filling out an expression of interest form and once we receive this, we will invite you to an informal meeting to discuss your interests and our volunteering roles.

If we can't match you to a suitable volunteering role at the moment then we will be happy to advise you about where to look for information on other volunteering opportunities.

Other Information

Potential time commitment: Monday or Wednesday afternoons from 12.30pm on a weekly basis. This is an informal arrangement that can be ended at any time by either the volunteer or the Museum.

Location: National Horseracing Museum, Palace Street, Newmarket CB8 8EP

Responsible to: The Volunteer Garden Team Leader and supported by the Creative Programme Manager.

Training and support: We will introduce you to the organisation and your volunteer role and provide you with any information, training and equipment needed to undertake your volunteer tasks.

Health and safety: The organisation will, as far as is practical, care for the health, safety and welfare of its volunteers. You are responsible for conducting yourself in a safe manner, for using tools safely and for reporting any incidents. **You will be expected to wear suitable clothing and footwear.**

Insurance: You will be covered by the organisation's Employer and Public Liability insurance policies while engaged in approved volunteer tasks for the Museum. Personal possessions are not covered.

Expenses: We are unable to pay travel expenses for volunteers to travel to and from the Museum. However, we will pay public transport costs, or mileage at 45p a mile, for journeys undertaken on behalf of the Museum for approved volunteering activities.

To see our *Volunteering Guidelines and other volunteering opportunities* go to: [Calling all Volunteers - Get Involved at the National Horseracing Museum \(nhrm.co.uk\)](https://www.nhrm.co.uk)

About the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket

The National Horseracing Museum opened in 2016 as a major new visitor attraction and community cultural hub in the heart of the town. It offers a world-class museum, art gallery and study centre alongside a working stable yard with a four-acre paddock for events.

We aim to:

- share our knowledge of sport, art and heritage, connecting people with Newmarket's royal story and inspiring a real sense of place
- provide a hub for people to get involved, share ideas and forge relationships that not only enhance the local economy but help to influence our centre and truly shape the future of horseracing
- trigger curiosity and inspire interest, encouraging a deeper appreciation of the significance of British sporting culture
- bring sporting stories to life in surprising, interactive, and dramatic ways that truly capture people's imagination within and beyond our walls.

As part of this exciting new development we offer a range of volunteering opportunities to help us achieve these aims.

For further information go to: www.nhrm.co.uk