

Are you over 60 and struggling to look after your garden?

Or

Do you dream of more garden space where you can grow flowers, fruit and vegetables?

If you live in the London Borough of Wandsworth, then Garden Partners could be for you...



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How to find us

We are based in Old York Road, 200 metres from Wandsworth Town railway station and on the 28 and 44 bus routes, two stops from Southside shopping centre. There is a bus stop outside our office (stop J, Tonsley Street).

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- information, advice and support
- shopping delivered to your door
- support for carers
- help with minor DIY tasks
- outings and activities
- befriending
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We also offer a wide range of products and services including insurance for the over 50s.

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Age Concern Wandsworth works to improve the welfare of all older people in Wandsworth. We do this by providing services, by working with others who share our aims, and by campaigning on issues which affect older people.

Garden Partners matches garden owners over the age of 60 with volunteers who wish to tend a garden regularly.

The 'garden partners' form a team to plan the garden's development and share any fruit or vegetables grown.

What are the benefits?

Garden owners:

- Greater enjoyment of your garden.
- Better health through a share of any fresh fruit and vegetables grown.
- Less risk of falls and accidents.
- Regular social contact with your garden partner.
- Greater security, as well-tended properties are less vulnerable to burglary.

Volunteers:

- More room to grow a range of plants.
- Better health through a share of any fresh fruit and vegetables grown.
- Open-air exercise.
- The chance to assist and befriend an older person.
- Opportunities to meet other volunteers and share experience, seeds and produce.

How does it work?

Garden owners and volunteers are individually assessed and matched according to their interests and requirements.

The partners make a written agreement covering matters like sharing produce, the use of gardening equipment and gardening times.

What sort of gardens are suitable?

There is no minimum size of garden, although there should be a reasonable amount of growing space.

Some practical issues are important, like access to water and gardening equipment, such as a hose or lawnmower.



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The person with the garden can be an owner-occupier or a tenant (with the agreement of their landlord).

What is most important is that the owner is willing to share their garden and open to ideas about its development.

Does the volunteer have to be an experienced gardener?

Gardening experience helps, but energy, commitment and a willingness to work positively with the garden owner are most important.

What does it cost?

The volunteer's labour in the garden is free. The cost of items such as seeds, plants, compost and gardening equipment is shared according to a written agreement.

Where vegetables and fruit are grown, the scheme can help to save both partners money.

How can I find out more?

For more information call the Garden Partners Coordinator on **020 8877 8946** or email sarahj@acwandsworth.org.uk.

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