

Volunteer role description

Volunteer role: Volunteer gardener

Key contact:

Placement: Cherry Trees Club, central Cambridge

Time commitment: Whatever suits the volunteer either Mon, Tues or Thurs

DBS check level; Basic level plus 2 satisfactory references

Training required: Age UK induction training is mandatory and you will not start your role with us prior to completing that. There maybe service specific training required. Thereafter volunteers are expected to attend at least 2 team or volunteer gatherings to share experiences and, receive training and support from the organised event.

INTRODUCTION

Age UK Cambridgeshire is an independent charitable organisation which exists to improve the life of older people in the county. The charity meets this objective by;

- Providing services
- Campaigning for a better deal for older people
- Working in partnership with other organisations
- Identifying, and finding new ways to meet new and changing needs

ROLE PURPOSE

The Cherry Trees premises are used by many different clubs for older people and our staff. To keep the small internal courtyard garden at the Cherry Trees premises tidy, well stocked and an inviting area for older people and others who use the club in the nice weather

Skills/Abilities and experience beneficial to the role

A real desire to make a difference to people's lives but you may also have:

- An ability to work as part of the Cherry Trees team together with a friendly and enthusiastic approach
- An understanding of the need for a stimulating and enjoyable environment for the use of older individuals in order to enhance their wellbeing
- Basic knowledge of plants and gardening
- Be reliable and committed to the ethos of the centre and its use with an ability to empathise and engage with all users , regardless of cultural or social background

Tasks/responsibilities

- To keep the garden tidy and an attractive and inviting place to use
- To accept the supervision, support and direction offered by Age UK CAP
- To liaise with other services and staff who will raise awareness of general services and activities which might be provided by Age UK CAP or others, to the benefit of all older people and their families