

Gardener

Local independent charity | Richmond upon Thames

Casual hours contract basis – flexible part time working

£15.90 per hour

Plus 5% pension contribution, mileage and holiday pay uplift. Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), Blue Light card and Age UK discount schemes.

Join a committed team supporting local older people in their homes

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is a local independent charity supporting older people across the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. We provide a wide range of useful and well utilised services designed to improve wellbeing and enhance independence – including information & advice; a wide range of social & wellbeing centres and sessions; support after hospital discharge; digital skills development; Dementia Friendly Richmond and home services such as handyperson, housekeeping and gardening. Partnership is a core part of our work – we work in close collaboration with other voluntary sector partners and wider organisations to maximise our impact and reach. Our friendly and committed team of 50 staff and 100+ volunteers support around 4,000 local older people each year.

Our useful gardening service helps our clients all year round with general maintenance, mowing, potting, weeding, trimming, jet washing and more. Clients book either regular sessions or one-off jobs, and the average appointment lasts around two hours.

The Opportunity

We are looking for skilled and capable individuals with gardening experience and skills to join us on a casual contract basis. You will be able to help with a range of tasks that may include:

- General gardening and maintenance
- Planting bulbs
- Mowing the lawn
- Digging
- Potting
- Weeding
- Edging
- Raking leaves
- Trimming / pruning of plants, hedges and bushes, and cutting low branches of small trees
- Putting down compost
- Jet washing
- Clearing guttering

Please note that we do not undertake tree surgery of any kind, including tree felling.

Applicants must

- Have access to a set of gardening tools and equipment
- Have experience as a gardener
- Be able to think on their feet and problem solve
- Be a team player with good communication skills
- Be happy to work alone
- Have good organisational skills
- Have good time management skills
- Be able to communicate clearly with colleagues and clients English
- Be hard-working and physically fit
- Have a flexible approach to work
- Have good customer service skills
- Hold a full UK driving licence with access to a vehicle with business insurance, and be happy to drive between client homes
- Be reliable, trustworthy and conscientious

Safeguarding

Age UK Richmond is committed to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults. All staff are expected to share this commitment, and ensure they follow our Safeguarding Policies and complete required training.

How to apply

This role may suit gardeners with existing businesses looking for extra work, or those looking for part time casual work. This is an excellent opportunity to join a leading local charity and provide a valued service to the local community.

If you are interested, please fill out the separate application form and equal opportunities form and email them to recruitment@ageukrichmond.org.uk, or phone 020 3326 9432 for more information.

Closing date: Applications are considered on a rolling basis