

A photograph of three people working in a garden. One person in a grey shirt is on the left, another in a green shirt is in the center, and a third in a red shirt and white cap is on the right. They are surrounded by various plants, including ferns and yellow-flowered shrubs. The background is a dense wall of green foliage.

A guide to working as a Gardener with Hextol Gardeners

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What does a Gardener do?

A Gardener works with other Trainees and an experienced Gardener to look after the gardens of homes, schools or offices.

You will learn basic gardening skills such as weeding, mowing, pruning, digging and leaf clearing.

You may learn to use a lawn mower or a strimmer or other gardening equipment.

At the end of every session, all the equipment must be cleaned and put away.



Where do we work?

We are based at the Hextol Foundation centre in Gilesgate in Hexham from where you will go out with the team to work in gardens in and around Hexham.

We provide transport from our centre to the gardens and back again when you have finished.





What skills do I need to be a Gardener?

To be a Gardener, you need to:

Be able to listen and follow instructions

Enjoy working outdoors in all weathers with other people

Enjoy repetitive work

Be friendly and polite to people you work with and to be able to have appropriate conversations with customers

Be able to wear safety boots

Be keen to learn new skills.

It will help, but isn't vital, if you:

Already have gardening experience

How will the job help me?

These positions as Gardeners are not paid jobs – all our Trainees work as volunteers.

But working as a Gardener helps to build your work experience and your self confidence by being part of a team, working to help customers, meet deadlines and achieve work and personal goals.

We will give you employability training as you work, by coaching you on our core skills scheme. This will help you find employment by developing your skills for work.



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