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# Gardening Opportunities

A guide for volunteers



## What will I be doing?



Joining our team of volunteer gardeners will help you to learn new skills in many areas, like mowing, pruning, weeding and leaf clearing.

You will be looking after gardens in people's homes, offices and schools. At the end of each shift you will help clean the equipment and store it safely.

We will not ask you to do any jobs that you are not confident about, and there will be a Supervisor at every shift who will be able to help you if needed.

## Where will I be working?

We have gardening teams in Hexham, and also in Newcastle.

Our Hexham team are based in our Gilesgate office and work in gardens around the local area.

Our Newcastle team is based in Fenham.

Transport, equipment, safety clothing and personal protective equipment is all provided.

## What skills do I need?

To work in gardening, you need to:

- Listen to and follow instructions, and not be afraid to ask questions
- Be polite to customers and the people you work with
- Be fit enough for physical work
- Wear appropriate safety clothing and equipment
- Be keen to learn new skills



## Why join team Hextol?

Working as a volunteer with Hextol Gardeners will build your self confidence, give you work experience and help you to achieve your work and personal goals.

We offer employability training around our individual core skills programme. Every 3 months you will learn a new set of skills and your progress is rewarded at quarterly team meetings.

Being part of our team also means you can join us at our social events! Events like BBQ's, Christmas parties and bowling are arranged throughout the year. You will also be welcomed at our lunch club, which is a social event held 2 to 3 times a week in our Gilesgate office.

