

Kitchen Gardener

The Olive Tree Cafe

Description

We welcome people to come and volunteer with us to join a happy team of volunteers and paid staff to deliver fresh, tasty fruit and vegetables to use in the café and to offer to our customers. Opportunities include propagation and growing of fruit and vegetables, pruning of hard and soft fruit trees and bushes, planting ornamental containers, grass cutting and creative opportunities such as willow edging and sculptures. General maintenance and composting are also ongoing tasks.

We like to think that we are more than just a café, and we are a place to build confidence and self esteem, build skills and friendships, whilst working together for the common good.

We are partnered with TWIGS which is just across the car park where there are beautiful gardens and crafts for people recovering from a mental health condition.

Organisation Description

The Olive Tree Café operates in the Manor Garden Centre in Cheney Manor. Our objective is to help and support people recovering from mental illness by providing them with positive, work-related opportunities in a café/garden. This takes them a step nearer to the world of work. The café is open to the public: and we like to think that our presence, and pride in who we are and what we do, will also mean that we are doing our part to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

When

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	✓				✓		
Afternoon							
Evening							

Cause / Interests

Mental Health, Disability

Types of Activity

Manual Work and DIY

Skills and Qualifications

Requirements

Some previous experience would be useful, but not essential, as training will be provided.

You will appreciate the value of working together as a team to get the job done, and hopefully enjoy this kind of industry.

We pride ourselves on our friendly and welcoming café, being able to offer a customer friendly attitude and welcoming manner is essential.

Due to the nature of garden work you will need to have some level of physical fitness, as it can be quite demanding.

Limited sheltered work space available for wet weather.

Our expectations of you:

Volunteers will be expected to be polite and presentable at all times. We work as a team and do value your commitment, it enables us to run smoothly and identify areas of strength and development. Please give us as much notice as possible for days off and sickness.

Additional/Specific Suitabilities

Age/Gender Restrictions	Minimum age 16 years.
Expenses	Expenses are paid.
Induction	There is an induction programme for volunteers.
Insurance Cover	Yes
Support	From garden supervisor, manager, and staff
Training	

Recruitment Method

Application Form, Trial Period, Informal Discussion, References

Directions

Bus: Catch the 12 from Flemming Way or the 15 from bay 4 of the bus station. Get off at Moredon, Manor Crescent. Walk towards the roundabout and turn left onto Darby Close. Walk down the road and take the first turning on your left. Come into The Manor Garden Centre, and follow the noise to the Café! Car parking is free through out the site.

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