



## Volunteer Opportunity

**Volunteer Role:** Volunteer Gardener

**Location:** Wick Court, Overton Lane, Arlingham, Gloucestershire, GL2 7JJ

### Information about Farms for City Children

Farms for City Children offers children and young people a week in the heart of the British countryside staying on one of our farms, where they are immersed in the natural world of food, farming, and country life. During their stay, they participate in the seasonal tasks of the day: sowing, growing and harvesting in our kitchen gardens, caring for livestock and looking after the land, and a variety of tasks designed to build greater connection with the natural world. Further details about the Charity are available on our website [www.farmsforcitychildren.org](http://www.farmsforcitychildren.org).

<b>Role Overview</b>	<p>Activities which are undertaken by Volunteer Gardeners (depending on skills, experience and interests) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvesting fruit and vegetables</li> <li>• Weeding planted beds</li> <li>• Clearing and preparing beds for planting</li> <li>• Sowing, pricking out and planting-on flowers and vegetables</li> <li>• Pruning heritage orchards &amp; maintaining trees</li> <li>• Watering plants</li> <li>• Basic garden maintenance where skills allow, (e.g., painting cold frames, fixing wheelbarrows, repairing raised beds)</li> <li>• Assisting with the production of compost on site using our composter</li> <li>• Use of garden machinery (e.g. rotovator, strimmer's etc) where trained and competent to do so</li> <li>• Assisting the gardener with any other tasks relevant to running the kitchen garden.</li> </ul>
<b>Commitment</b>	<p>The Volunteer Gardener role is a year-round position, with volunteers generally providing approximately 1 day or ½ day of their time a week. We welcome applications from those able to offer less time/ frequency of visits and happy to discuss arrangements around people's other commitments.</p>
<b>Skills and Experience</b>	<p>This role will suit you if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like spending time outdoors in a beautiful heritage garden</li> <li>• Have some experience of gardening or are keen to learn</li> <li>• Are able to take on work involving moderate physical activity</li> <li>• Are happy to work on your own – there will be a gardener on site available to support you and may be other volunteers</li> <li>• Are willing to take part in training as part of the role</li> </ul>
<b>Safeguarding Checks</b>	<p>The Volunteer Gardener role is subject to a reference check and an enhanced DBS check.</p>
<b>How to Apply</b>	<p>Please complete the application form and send to <a href="mailto:recruitment@farmsforcitychildren.org">recruitment@farmsforcitychildren.org</a>.</p>