



Whole Life Community Garden – Volunteering policy

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We are a local charity committed to providing an open space for the community where people can –

- Enjoy being outside in a safe, natural growing environment, either alone or with other people
- Learn about plants and the environment
- Take part in gardening activities
- Share in our produce (both edible and non-edible)

Our volunteers

We are entirely run by volunteers. We have a central group of trustees (also volunteers) who take care of most of the administration and as much of the outdoor work as they can, but for everything else we rely upon other volunteers. We welcome volunteers who wish to take on regular work as well as those who wish to take part occasionally. We welcome those with lots of experience and those with none; all we ask is that you have enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and/or share your knowledge.

Our volunteer co-ordinator is Jackie Thompson, who can be contacted via email at volunteers@wholelifecommunitygarden.org

We welcome volunteers of all ages, but if you are under 18 you will need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Health and safety

We have relevant health and safety policies and risk assessments [available on our website](#) and we have public liability insurance, but volunteers must take responsibility for the safety of themselves and others by following basic safety guidelines including –

- Wear suitable clothing for whatever activity you are taking part in, including protective items (eg gloves, goggles) where appropriate
- Take care of tools and equipment whilst in use, and replace all items in toolshed/storage location after use
- Do not use broken/damaged items and report these items to one of the trustees as soon as possible.
- Only use equipment if you are confident in your ability and knowledge to use it. If in doubt, ask for advice/training.
- Be aware of other site visitors/volunteers whilst working. Be considerate of how your actions could affect others.
- Take away litter and recycling when you leave.
- All people under the age of 18 must be with a parent or responsible adult, who will be responsible for their safety on site.
- Take care of any personal tools/equipment or other possessions you bring to the site. You are responsible for their safe use and any loss or damage.

Policies

The following policies are available on our website; please read them.

- [Health and safety](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [Data Protection](#)
- [Equality and Diversity](#)
- [Complaints and concerns](#)

Thankyou

We thank everyone who volunteers in our garden and we hope that you gain as much from the experience as you give. This garden could not exist without your help.

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To be reviewed at least yearly