



Somerset, National Garden Scheme - Call for Volunteers

Somerset county of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) is in need of some volunteers, in particular, a new Assistant County Organiser. So if you have a love of gardens, a sense of humour, bit of spare time, enjoy talking to people about gardening among other topics of gossip with garden openers and visitors, we would love to hear from you.

What do you need to bring to the Party

You will join the County Team under the guidance of the County Organiser, who manages the volunteers.

You will be fully supported by more experienced county volunteers until you feel confident to stand tall in your own wellies.

Your main task will be to support the Garden Owners, who open gardens for the NGS, by maintaining contact prior and during to their open day to ensure the opening is a successful. At other times of the year you can check that the Garden owners are happy with their lot., also checking the garden accords with Insurance and Health and Safety standards.

You will ensure that existing gardens continue to reach the required standard, and with luck you may be able to secure new gardens.

You will be expected to attend a few events / meetings each year.

You will be based at home, and are likely to look after gardens within a reasonable distance from your home. As you will be required to visit gardens you will need to be mobile and have basic computer skills and email access (you will be given an NGS email address when you sign up as a volunteer).

What's in it for you?

“Inspiring”, “rewarding”, “sociable”, “a joy” and “a privilege” are just some of the ways our volunteers describe their experience being part of NGS county teams. We want you to have the same experience, and to get the most out of your efforts.

Relevant training and help will be available to you.

What to do now

If you are over 16 years old and have an enthusiasm for the National Garden Scheme, we would love to hear from you.

Contact the County Organiser for Somerset –

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More information about our gardens, the objectives of the charity, the teams and much much more can be found at the NGS web site: <https://ngs.org.uk/>