

<b>Role</b>	Walled Garden Volunteer
<b>Location</b>	Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
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## About this role

This is an exciting new opportunity. We are looking to create a team of volunteers dedicated to revitalising and developing the Shropshire Wildlife Trust walled garden, set within the historic grounds of Shrewsbury Abbey in Shrewsbury.

Currently a blank canvas with significant potential, the garden presents you a rare opportunity to shape its vision from the outset. You will have genuine scope to influence its direction, create a thriving and inspiring space for staff, and leave a lasting legacy within this unique and historic setting.

Volunteers are essential in helping us to look after the heritage and wildlife gardens at Shropshire Wildlife Trust Headquarters, maintaining the space to inspire others, providing a beautiful, tranquil space for staff and others to enjoy.

As a walled garden volunteer, you will:

- make your own mark on the garden, shaping its development and future direction.
- enjoy creative freedom to contribute ideas and help bring new initiatives to life.
- make a meaningful impact by transforming the space into a thriving and inspiring environment.
- work within a small, friendly team to maintain and enhance the garden, ensuring it remains safe, welcoming, and accessible for staff.

The SWT Headquarters' core opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. The volunteer role manager will discuss your availability and volunteering times with you before you start and agree a regular day and time for the team to work together (although we can be flexible).

The garden is fully accessible with level, wide paths and raised beds. Accessible toilet facilities are available in the visitor centre, next to the garden.

## Perks and benefits

Walled garden volunteers will enjoy:

- a chance to work and socialise with a small, friendly team
- opportunity to make your own mark on the garden, shaping its development and future direction.
- training and support, with a full induction
- branded SWT uniform
- certification and training in relevant areas such as manual handling
- volunteer social events

## Skills you'll need

We are looking for people who:

- Have an interest in historic or wildlife gardens.
- Have experience in gardening, horticulture or garden design.
- Are comfortable with physically engaging duties
- Are happy to carry out a variety of tasks, working outside individually and/or as part of a team
- Are reliable and punctual.

Initially, we'll ask you to come along for a trial period of one month. We'll ask you to read and adhere to our safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, and our volunteer code of conduct. You'll receive a copy of these when you apply.

At Shropshire Wildlife Trust, we're committed to building a diverse and inclusive team where everyone is welcome. If you're worried you don't have quite the right skills, might not be able to participate in all activities, or need any support or adjustments to the role, have a chat with us and we'll do everything we can to help you volunteer.

## Travel information

Our visitor centre and gardens are centrally located in Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

By car:

- Easily accessible from the M54 and A5
- Pay & display car parking available at Abbey Foregate
- On-street parking available nearby – restrictions may apply

By public transport:

- Three minute walk from nearest bus stop at Asda, Old Potts Way, connecting to Park & Ride and local services
- Fifteen minute walk from Shrewsbury train station

Unfortunately we are not able to contribute to travel costs.