



## National Memorial Arboretum Role Description Grounds and Memorial Watering Volunteer

### What is the National Memorial Arboretum?

The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire is the UK's year-round Centre for Remembrance; it is a place which helps people to reflect and to be inspired, a place where they can celebrate lives lived and commemorate lives lost in service. Located in the heart of the country, in the National Forest, with approximately 30,000 maturing trees and over 380 memorials across a 150-acre site, the Arboretum is a beautiful and lasting tribute to those who have served, suffered and sacrificed on behalf of the Nation.

### What does a Grounds Watering Volunteer do?

Grounds Watering Volunteers undertake Watering to support the grounds maintenance and gardening team. As we have a large site of 150 acre and around 24,000 trees it is a vital for the establishment and longevity of many of the trees we have. Watering trees in selected areas and specific locations around site in coordination with the Grounds Volunteer Supervisor. Volunteers also supply basic information and direction around the site to visitors, acting as an ambassador for the Arboretum.

### Typical activities as a Grounds and Memorial Cleaning Volunteer:

- Use Tractor and Trailer to transport water around site to required locations
  - Watering Plots and Monitoring Herbaceous Perennials
  - Watering and monitoring of collection of *Hamamelis*
  - Watering and establishment of New Trees
- When watering is not required to join the general grounds volunteer team to undertake general gardening activities

### This may suit people who:

- An active lifestyle
- Have a full UK driving Licence
- Experience of using trailers NOT essential (Onsite training provided)
- Enjoy and thrive working mostly as an individual but also in teams
- Enjoy meeting people from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Have a pleasant and friendly manner and a desire to provide great support in all that you do.
- Are comfortable working in an outdoor environment and in all weather conditions
- Would like to use existing skills and develop new ones.

### Time commitment:

- A regular Weekly commitment of time

### In return for your commitment, you will receive:

- Day-to-day support and training from other members of the team and a chance to build on existing skills and develop new ones.
- An opportunity to meet new people and undertake interesting and rewarding duties.
- Access to the electronic Volunteer portal 'Better Impact'
- Weekly internal newsletters 'Newsleaf' and invitations to quarterly team presentations
- 50% discount in our Restaurant when on duty (special terms apply) and free tea & coffee
- 10% discount in our Gift Shop



- Free car parking (for use when on or off duty)
- Invitations to team social events
- Volunteer Uniform
- Travel Expenses - Mileage at 0.45p mile between home and the Arboretum will be reimbursed up to a maximum of 60 miles, per return journey, for each volunteering duty day.

### **Our values and behaviours**

- Service, Collaboration, Passion, Excellence, Valuing our People

All member of our team you are asked to adhere to our values and behaviours and all volunteers are asked to sign a volunteering 'agreement'.

This role is purely voluntary, and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.