

Role Title: **Volunteer Gardener & Grounds Assistant**

Location: **Newbury Rehoming Centre**

Main contact: **Sally-Ann Dodson**

Suggested time commitment: **One day per week**

Purpose of the role:

To assist the Maintenance Operative by maintaining outdoor areas and to keep the centre clean, tidy and well presented.

Key responsibilities:

- 🐾 To assist the Maintenance Operative in the upkeep of the centre and grounds.
- 🐾 To undertake general outdoor duties, including weeding and tidying of the paths and planters.
- 🐾 Work alongside the Maintenance Operative with other ad hoc tasks that may be required.
- 🐾 Be knowledgeable on the work of Dogs Trust and specifically your Rehoming Centre.
- 🐾 Provide additional support in the lead up to events taking place at the Centre.
- 🐾 Direct visitors to an appropriate advisor where required.

Required skills & competencies:

- 🐾 General knowledge of basic maintenance and grounds work.
- 🐾 Good level of physical fitness for; gardening activities, maintenance and other physical duties.
- 🐾 Practical experience in gardening and of using a range of gardening equipment.
- 🐾 A willingness to learn and ability to follow instructions.
- 🐾 To acknowledge visitors to the centre in a friendly, professional and efficient manner.
- 🐾 Ability to recognise own limitations.
- 🐾 Conscientious with a can-do attitude.



What this role will offer you:

We will provide you with a main contact who will manage your tasks, answer your questions and help you with the volunteer rota. Induction and ongoing role-specific training, guidance and support as well as an opportunity to develop your current skills, and to gain new ones. We will provide a Dogs Trust volunteer uniform, alongside recognition of the role that you are carrying out in support of Dogs Trust through our Volunteer Merits Scheme.

Please contact (E: Volunteer.Newbury@dogstrust.org.uk T: 01488 658391) for further details about this role and our current availability.



A final word from our CEO

Without our dedicated volunteers we couldn't hope to achieve as much as we do for the dogs in our care; the support they give is absolutely vital to our work. I hope that everyone who volunteers for us agrees that volunteering with Dogs Trust is a hugely rewarding experience.

Jim Monteith, Interim Chief Executive

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity. Through our network of 20 rehoming centres across the UK and one in Ireland we care for almost 17,000 abandoned and unwanted dogs a year. No healthy dog is ever destroyed.

