

Horticulturist (Alpine, Rock and Woodland)

Outdoor Living Collection

Job Description

Main Duties

Development and maintenance of our living collections, including:

- Planting new material
- Installing plant protection and mulching to suppress weeds and encourage plant establishment
- Plant labelling and record keeping
- Development of new areas

Undertake general horticultural activities including:

- Grass cutting
- Weeding, planting, cutting back, lifting splitting
- Strimming
- Redeveloping existing areas
- Ensuring tasks are carried out safely and considering any other hazards such as pathogens or other pests and diseases

- Ensure the best possible visitor experience by maintaining excellent horticultural standards and actively engaging with our visitors, sharing information about the garden and the plants in our collections.

- Play an active supportive role in the horticultural team, help the senior garden staff to supervise and train students, interns, and other work placements in the garden.

- Any other appropriate tasks as requested by your line management team.

Person Specification

Essential Skills

- Positive team player
- Comfortable with taking instruction and working to deadlines
- Experience of alpine plants and their cultivation
- Ability to work to a very high practical horticultural standard
- IT literate with a good working knowledge of Microsoft products
- Highly motivated and able to work either in a group situation or individually
- Ability to communicate clearly and confidently with colleagues, students, and our visitors
- Plant knowledge including pests and diseases
- Garden maintenance
- Interest in Alpine Rock and Woodland plants
- Propagation techniques
- SVQ/NVQ Level 2 in a horticultural subject or equivalent practical work experience

Desirable

- Knowledge of plant records
- Knowledge of plant health
- PA1/PA6 spraying certification
- Full Driving Licence